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YANGTZE SKIPPER OUTWITS SHIP RAIDERS.

Diphtheria Outbreak.

54 Europeans Affected.

NINE NEW CASES.

Fifty-four Europeans are now receiving treatment for diphtheria, either in local hospitals or at their homes, according to figures revealed by Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, this morning.

There is no doubt that it is an adult epidemic, the Medical Officer informed a *Telegraph* representative this morning, since out of the total number of cases notified, only 23 are juveniles. This is less than 50 per cent, whereas the usual proportion in diphtheria epidemics is 75 per cent, children and 25 per cent, adults.

Once again Dr. Pope stressed the necessity of residents not only taking the precaution of boiling all milk before use, but of avoiding crowds in confined spaces.

Don't Delay.

Advice to those who feel they may have the symptoms was also given by Dr. Pope.

In effect it is "Don't put off to-morrow what you should do to-day." See a doctor and have immediate treatment, thus avoiding the complications which are so possible if the complaint is neglected in its early stages.

He also advises victims to isolate all the attendants they use.

Nine New Cases.

Since yesterday afternoon, nine new notifications of infection have been made, bringing the total for the month to 75.

Two Chinese are included in the latest batch of sufferers, an infant from Bonham Road among them.

Acting upon medical advice, the Committee of the Peak Club has decided to cancel the New Year dance arranged for Thursday night, the decision being made on account of the epidemic.

European Cases.

The following figures show the number of European cases being dealt with in the various hospitals of the Colony early this morning, since when other cases have been notified:

Victoria Hospital	25
Naval and Military Hospital	5
Government Civil Hospital	4
Kowloon Hospital	3
Peak Hospital	2
St. Paul's	1
Home treatment	9

His Excellency the Governor has very kindly consented to preside at the King's College prize distribution which has been arranged for 11 a.m. on March 5th, that being the Anniversary of the official opening of the College.

Shanghai Crime Passionel.
Pretty Russian Girl Stabbed to Death by Rejected Lover.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

Another Russian love tragedy is engaging the attention of the police, following an eternal-triangle drama in the flat of a pretty blonde dancing girl, in which the girl was stabbed to death.

Accused of the crime is Ivan Kormiltseff, a cabaret pianist, who is 28 years of age, and the victim was Mlle. Valentine Bartsevitch, a pretty girl of 23, who had lived with him for years in Harbin and for several months in Shanghai.

The facts as known reveal a crime passionel. Kormiltseff had apparently been turned down by his sweetheart in the last few days in favour of a Filipino.

He visited her last night at



Delivering the Xmas mail in the snow-bound regions of the Riesengebirge, the postman, with his sledge, looked very much like a modern Santa Claus.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN SCOTLAND.

GALES IN NORTH SEA.

THAMES FLOOD.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 28.

Severe gales are raging in the North Sea and as a result, coupled with the spring tides, the Thames rose to an abnormal height to-day.

An hour before high tide in London this afternoon, the water had begun to overflow the banks of the estuary at Gravesend, and the police have instructed the riverside stations to keep a close watch.

All people living in the vicinity have been warned to be in readiness to evacuate or to take steps to combat floods should the Thames become further swollen at the next tide.

Snow Coming.

London, Later.

At the moment, England is experiencing rather warmish weather for this time of the year, but the weather prophets predict that it is unlikely to continue, although snow is not yet forecast for England.

At several highland centres, preparations are in train for winter sports. Snow fell very heavily in parts of Scotland to-day.

The Prime Minister motored from Lossiemouth for about twenty-five miles to a neighbouring golf course, but he was unable to play owing to the snow. The Continent is still blanketed with snow.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN TRAGEDY.

MILLIONS FACE STARVATION.

Washington, Dec. 28.

The spectre of starvation faces millions in the United States this winter, declared Mr. Hudson the Executive Secretary of the Welfare Council of New York, giving evidence on the unemployment question before the Senate Committee to-day.

There are over half a million unemployed in New York alone and a great drive to raise \$320,000,000 for their relief is now proceeding.

Outside New York there are 189 big cities engaged in similar drives against poverty and unemployment, a nationwide campaign having been organised by President Hoover from Washington.

House-to-house canvassing for funds is going on, and ministers of all denominations are reinforcing the efforts with appeals from pulpits.

\$3700,000,000 Needed.

It is a spectacular attempt to prove that America can provide for her workless and their families.



John D. Rockefeller, photographed in a train en route to his winter home in Florida. He has donated \$31,750,000 for unemployment relief.

without resorting to Government relief measures.

Nearly seven hundred million dollars gold will be needed to relieve unemployment in the coming year, according to Mr. Goldsmith, the Director of Jewish Charities in Chicago.—*Reuter.*

A Land of Plenty!

London, Dec. 28.

The record-breaking supply of raw cotton in America and the serious position arising from this abundance are discussed in the current issue of the Empire Cotton-Growing Review.

The journal states that the prospective American cotton crop is enormous, even when compared with the 1926 record, but matters have been rendered worse owing to a heavy fall in world consumption from sixteen million bales in 1926 to 11,000,000 last season.

Enormous Carry Over.

It will require a substantial increase in consumption to prevent a carry-over of 13,000,000 at July 31, 1932.

The position of Egyptian cotton is almost as bad. The supply will be more than twice last season's consumption.—*Reuter.*

forcedly kissed her. She still refused his attentions and, incensed beyond reason, he drew out the knife.

The amah a moment later saw him kneeling beside the body of the dead girl, holding the knife in his hand. The girl's throat was gashed and her breasts were badly cut. She bled profusely.

After the deed, Kormiltseff rushed to the head of the stairs and shouted, "Get the police! I'm a murderer."

The police were summoned and found the knife under a dresser.

Four Caught on Wuhu.

Gunboat Gives Assistance.

DESPATCH OF BERWICK.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

The sudden orders for the despatch of H.M.S. Berwick to Tungchow, in the Yangtze River, were explained this morning by the story of how the skipper of the Butterfield and Swire river-steamer Wuhu outwitted a gang of the "official pirates" who have been holding up British vessels in the Yangtze.

Four Chinese—were in the hands of the Royal Navy until yesterday as a result of their attempt to stop the J.S. Wuhu.

The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon near Tungchow when the C.N.S. Wuhu, with Captain Winckler in command, was on her way down river.

Scene of Tuckw Incident.

At the Kowloon station, the scene of the Tuckw incident, the vessel took on ten passengers.

Soon after orders had been given for the vessel to proceed, four of the newcomers went to the commander and asked for the captain, demanding that the ship be stopped as they wanted to search for "opium and bandits."

The captain refused and the "raiders" attempted to stop the ship on their own initiative.

The Captain's Method.

Captain Winckler, who had seen H.M.S. Cricket lying at anchor further up the river, gave orders for the helm to be put about, and the ship went upstream again until she came within signalling distance of H.M.S. Cricket.

A few signals revealed the state of affairs to the captain and a party of bluejackets boarded the Wuhu and arrested the men.

In the meantime a message had been sent to Shanghai and H.M.S. Berwick was despatched to the region. Tungchow is about sixty miles from Shanghai.

Handed Over.

It was stated by the Naval Office in Shanghai to-day that the men arrested have since been handed over to the Chinese authorities and that strong representations have been lodged.

THE RETURN OF EROS.

SYMBOL OF CHARITY AND LOVE.

London, Dec. 28.

Much interest was shown by the crowds passing through Piccadilly Circus to-day in the statue of Eros, which, after an absence of over six years, was found to have been replaced during the night on the island site in the Circus, where the roadways have now been rearranged to facilitate the round-about traffic system.

Erected in 1893 as a memorial to the late Lord Shaftesbury, the fountain, surmounted by the winged figure chosen by the sculptor, Alfred Gilbert, to symbolise charity and love, became a well-known landmark.

It was removed during the work on the reconstruction of the Underground Railway Station. There were many signs to-day that its return to Piccadilly commands popular approval.—*British Wireless.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has strengthened slightly and spread southward. It is now central near Peking. The Japanese depression has passed into the Pacific.

GANDHI ISSUES AN ULTIMATUM.

DEMANDS REPEAL OF RECENT ORDINANCES IN INDIA.

BULLETS NOT LATHIS.

Bombay, Dec. 28.

GANDHI'S first speech on his return to India has caused an immense sensation in all political circles.

He spoke as if a fight against British authority was inevitable. In the last fight, he said, India had had to face lathis (clubs), but in the fight to come they would have to fight bullets.

He declared that if the recent ordinances were repealed he would advise the Congress to co-operate with the Round Table Conference Committees, but what he had learned after his arrival in Bombay had left him with little hope that there could be co-operation, unless he was to lose all sense of self-respect.

Meanwhile, the situation in the Peshawar region is stated to have improved.

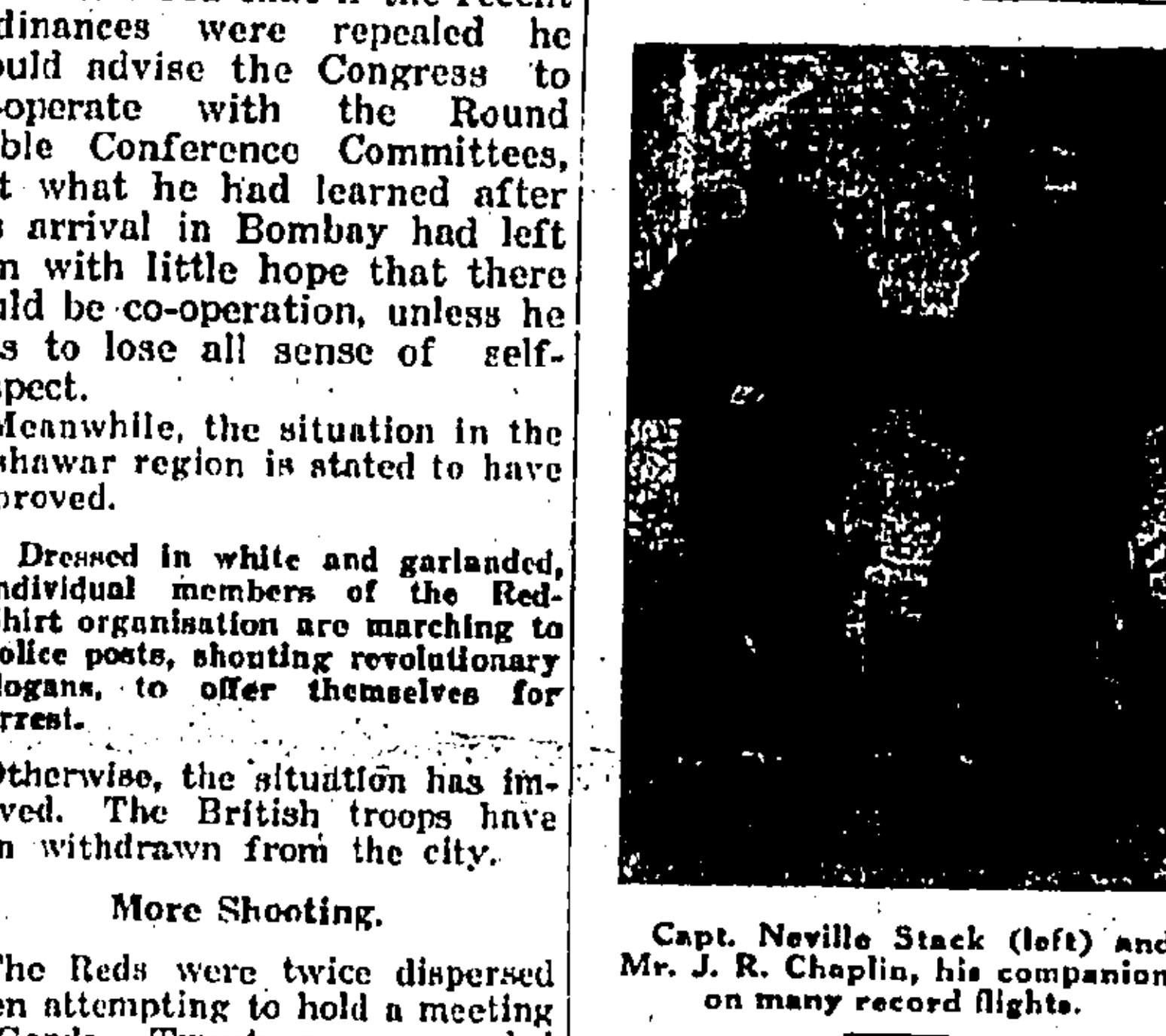
Dressed in white and garlanded, individual members of the Red-Shirt organisation are marching to police posts, shouting revolutionary slogans, to offer themselves for arrest.

Otherwise, the situation has improved. The British troops have been withdrawn from the city.

More Shooting.

The Reds were twice dispersed when attempting to hold a meeting at Gondia. Twenty were wounded on the first occasion and four were killed and eight wounded on the second. The area is now quiet.

The total number of arrests in the whole province is now officially stated to be 768.—*Reuter.*



Capt. Neville Stack (left) and Mr. J. R. Chaplin, his companion on many record flights.

Two-Day Battle in Snow.

WRECKED FLIERS' EXPERIENCE.

Vienna, Dec. 28.

A story of terrible experiences in desolate country in West Austria has been related by two airmen, who, almost completely exhausted, staggered into the village of Tweng, and stammered out a story of how they crashed in the mountains in a thick fog, and had been wandering in the snow for two and a half days in search of help.

Some mystery attaches to the affair. First reports reaching Vienna stated that one of the exhausted airmen was the well-known British flier, Captain Neville Stack.

It was stated that he had been piloting a wealthy Czechoslovakian boot manufacturer named Bata on a business trip, with the Far East as the ultimate destination.

According to early reports, the machine was completely wrecked and Captain Neville Stack and the pilot had escaped unhurt, while there was no information as to the fate of Mr. Bata and the other passengers.

It later transpired that Neville Stack was not in the machine when it crashed. The sole occupants were Lukas, the acting pilot, and a mechanic.—*Reuter.*

"UNCLE" ARTHUR HENDERSON.

POSSIBILITY OF AN OPERATION.

London, Dec. 28.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who is returning to London after a stay on the French Riviera, from which his health has greatly benefited, is expected to take advantage of the presence here of Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General to the League of Nations, to discuss the procedure of the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference over the opening session of which, Mr. Henderson is due to preside on February 2nd.

It is possible, though not probable, that Mr. Henderson may have to undergo a slight operation, but it is hoped that even in that event, he would be able to fulfil his present intention of leaving London for Geneva on January 28th.—*British Wireless.*

FOOTPAD ATTACK NR. HOSPITAL.

MATRON PUSHED INTO NULLAH.

FUGITIVE GETS A SOAKING.

Miss E. St. Quinton, Matron of the Bowen Road Military Hospital, had an alarming experience yesterday when walking near the hospital, being attacked by a footpad, pushed into a seven-foot deep nullah, and robbed of her handbag.

Forty minutes later, however, the alleged thief was arrested on suspicion in Macdonnell Road by an Indian constable.

A report of the incident was subsequently made to the police by Miss Quinton, who stated that whilst proceeding along Bowen Road about 300 yards to the east of the Military Hospital at 5 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese came up from behind and gave her a violent push, causing her to fall into a nullah. She received injuries to her hands and face.

In falling, Miss Quinton dropped her handbag and a parcel and the man picked up the bag and ran away.

At about 5.40 p.m., an Indian constable Nand Singh, on duty in Macdonnell Road, noticed a Chinese with something bulky under his jacket. On seeing the constable, he turned round and commenced to run, with the Indian in pursuit. He jumped into a nullah, but was followed instantly by the constable, who arrested him after both had received a drenching.

The arrested man, Liang Shing, aged 22, said that the handbag was caught and this morning he was brought before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court, on charges of assault with intent to rob and of larceny from the person.

Inspector Shafstain, who prosecuted, asked for a remand for 48 hours with a view to the probable amendment of the charges to one of highway robbery. After relating the facts, the officer pointed out that the bag was on the ground and not in the possession of Miss Quinton when stolen, remarking that it was a question whether the offence did not constitute highway robbery.

The defendant was remanded until Thursday.

RUBBER OUTPUT RESTRICTION.

AGREEMENT AGAIN REPORTED.

London, Dec. 29.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the *Financial Times* states that according to information from a generally reliable source, a scheme for rubber restriction has been completed. It is understood, after discussion between the interested Anglo-Dutch parties.

It is stated that the details of the proposals have been despatched by air mail to the new Governor of the Dutch East Indies, where it is due to arrive early in the New Year.

The scheme provides for a restriction in the production of the European plantations by forty-five per cent of their 1929 output. The native output in the Dutch East Indies will probably be reduced in proportion.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH FILM DRIVE.

BASIL DEAN'S APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 28.

"England has the best artists, the best authors and the best stories in the world," said Basil Dean, the British film producer, at a Film Studio luncheon to-day.

Mr. Dean was pleading for the aid of a Government department in providing facilities for "back-grounds and for the co-operation of the Anglo-American film industries."

New York, Dec. 28.

The notorious Bronx gangster, Vincent Coll, who was arrested on October 5 in the course of a wholesale comb-out of the city for the perpetrators of the baby-shooting outrage, was to-day acquitted on charges arising out of the affair.

The police still have in custody Frankie Giordano, whom they assert actually did the shooting, though Coll was alleged to have been in the car at the time.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. HONGKONG REPORTS VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. HOSPITAL NEEDS.

Expressions of satisfaction that another remarkably useful year's work had been accomplished, and that the financial position was both sound and a tribute to the officials, were made at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held in the City Hall under the presidency of H.E. Sir William Peel yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Peel, and officials of the Society present were Hon. Sir Shouson Chow (President), Hon. Mr. H. R. Kotewall (Chairman of Executive Committee), Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. T. N. Chiu, and Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

In proposing the adoption of the report, Sir Shouson Chow said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—Before referring to the Society's work during the past year I desire on behalf of the members of the Society to express our appreciation of the high honour which Your Excellency has done to the Society by presiding at this meeting.

Your Excellency's keen interest in the welfare of the community, and particularly of the poor and suffering, is well known and affords great encouragement to those who are striving to improve conditions.

Copies of the Society's Annual Report have been in your hands for some days and as the Report gives a comprehensive review of the Society's activities during the past year it seems unnecessary for me to do more than touch briefly on some of the work.

You will recall that the Society was constituted only in January, 1930, and there seems some cause for pride in the fact that during the second year of its life it should have dealt with no fewer than 333 cases affecting the welfare of 662 children.

Tribute to Inspectors.

It is an indication of the manner in which the Inspectors have gained the confidence of the poor amongst whom they work that considerably more than half of the cases have been reported by parents and members of the Public.

I should like to take this opportunity of publicly paying tribute to the work of the Inspectors and particularly to the yeoman service rendered by Miss Seto Wai Sheung, the Society's first Inspector, who, during the year under review, investigated 238 cases.

It will be seen from the Report that over eighty per cent of the cases investigated were due to either poverty or disease, or a combination of these two factors, and these are clearly the major problems which the Society has to face. In practically two thirds of the cases the monthly family income worked out at \$4 or under per head.

Relief Essential.

When the Society was founded it was not foreseen that such low standards of living would be encountered and it was, I think, anticipated that the work of the Inspector would be largely of an advisory nature. It rapidly became apparent that if useful work was to be done and if children were to be saved from death from virtual starvation, relief must be granted. The Society has therefore adopted the policy of supplying milk preparations in those cases where the poverty of parents has made it impossible for them to give their children proper food. This policy, though it entails much unforeseen expense, scarcely needs justification for you cannot feed the hungry on advice, however good it may be. I will, however, mention one case by way of illustration.

A family of seven persons including five children, was existing on a total monthly income of \$15.00. One of the children, aged 18 months, was suffering from marasmus and was as thin as a skeleton. The Society's help was invoked by a Dispensary Doctor and for six months the child was fed by the Society. At the end of that time the doctor reported that the child had grown up to be a very healthy kid indeed. He added that when he reported the case he had very little hope that the child would survive and that had it not been for the assistance of the Society the child would have gone to the grave long ago.

It taken very few cases of that sort to justify the existence of the Society.

Medical Aid Benefits.

In the Report you will have read that the Inspectors secured medical attention for 124 children.

The value of this side of the Inspectors' work can hardly be exaggerated, as quite apart from the saving of unnecessary suffering, it is only by curing for the health of the young that one can hope to ensure strong and healthy adults.

The question of the provision of sufficient hospital accommodation for children has been a matter of concern to the Society. The Report on the Census shows that there are over 226,000 Chinese children under 16 years of age. Up to the end of June the hospital accommodation available was 163 beds and cots.

A further 30 cots have, with the assistance of the Society, been provided at the Children's Hospital at Shamshui, and the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital has this month opened a special ward for children.

The total accommodation is now just on 200 beds and cots and it is hoped that when the construction of the new Government Civil Hospital is undertaken the Government will consider favourably the provision of at least one children's ward.

Overcrowding Peril.

As long ago as 1904 a Committee appointed to enquire into the causes of infantile mortality in Hongkong pointed out that overcrowding in Chinese dwellings, with the inevitable sequel of want of cleanliness, was the great contributory cause.

Though the figures of infantile mortality appear to have been substantially reduced during the past thirty years, they are still very high indeed.

Our records show that not one half of the families with which the Society has dealt had even the accommodation of a single room. This points to the continued existence of overcrowding as a cause of the toll upon infant life.

It is hardly to be expected that people whose standards of living and accommodation are so low should observe even the simplest principles of hygiene.

It is pleasing to find that though some minor cases of ill-treatment have been brought to the Society's notice no single case has been reported during the year in which really serious ill-treatment has been found.

Juvenile Offenders.

During the year some progress has been made in the matter of the treatment of juvenile offenders. The legislation necessary for the institution of juvenile courts has been prepared and is under consideration by the Government, and steps have been taken to ensure possession of the Bellis Reformatory for use as a Remand Home and refuge for destitute boys.

The provision of further accommodation for destitute children in institutions wherein they can receive vocational training is an urgent necessity, for the St. Louis Industrial School is filled to the limit of its capacity. The Society has placed six boys in the School and there are others who will be placed there immediately vacancies occur.

During the past year the Society's expenditure amounted to \$8,078, but this cannot be regarded as an indication of the needs for the next year, as during the first eight months we had only one

Inspector. We have now three Inspectors and the work has greatly increased.

Facing Heavy Expenditure.

At a conservative estimate, and even if the work does not substantially increase, the Society must be prepared to face an expenditure of from \$15,000 to \$17,000.

Apart from the Government grant of \$3,000 the Society is dependent on voluntary contributions.

Out of a population of over 849,000 less than 300 persons contributed to the Society last year and I would appeal for more general support, which is essential if the Society's work is to continue.

As President of the Society I desire on behalf of the members to thank the Hon. Dr. Kotewall for his services as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Despite the many calls of his public duties Dr. Kotewall has devoted much time to the many problems with which the Society has had to deal and the Society is greatly indebted to him for his wise guidance.

I now move that the Report and Accounts for the past year be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall's Review.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, in announcing the adoption of the report, said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—In announcing the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, I desire, in the first instance, to associate myself with Sir Shouson Chow in expressing grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor for the practical interest he has shown by presiding at this meeting. The deep sympathy which His Excellency and Lady Peel have for the children of the poor, and the active part which Lady Peel takes in alleviating their sufferings and generally promoting their welfare, deserve to be more widely known, if only for the high example they set to others.

Children's Hospitals Needed.

The activities of the Society have been so fully covered by the annual report and by the President's address, that very little is left to me to deal with. I should like, however, to direct special attention to the lack of hospital accommodation for children on both sides of the harbour. It seems to me that the time has come when, concurrently with the child-welfare work which is being so quietly and admirably done under the inspiring leadership of Lady Peel, there should be instituted children's hospitals which, besides helping to reduce infantile mortality, may go far towards abating that shameful practice of dumping the dead bodies of children in the streets.

As a first, though very inadequate, step to this end, the Society has, as has been mentioned in the annual report, given some financial assistance to the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood towards fitting up and maintaining their hospital and out-patients clinic for children at Shamshui. But this hospital provides only 30 cots which are sadly insufficient to meet the urgent needs of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Not A Charity Organisation.

A fear has been expressed in certain quarters that the Society, in undertaking certain responsibilities, might fall into the indistinguishable role of an ordinary charitable organisation. While it must be admitted that part of our work is not dissimilar to that now performed by several other institutions, our chief aims are, to quote the Constitution of the Society, "to protect children and young persons by preventing, removing or mitigating any injustice done to them; to safeguard their morals; to prevent any act which causes or is likely to cause them unnecessary suffering or injury to their health; and generally to protect the interests of children." Some of these aims are peculiar to our Society, and we have always kept them before us, and have endeavoured to carry them into effect, as the annual report has shown. The Society has

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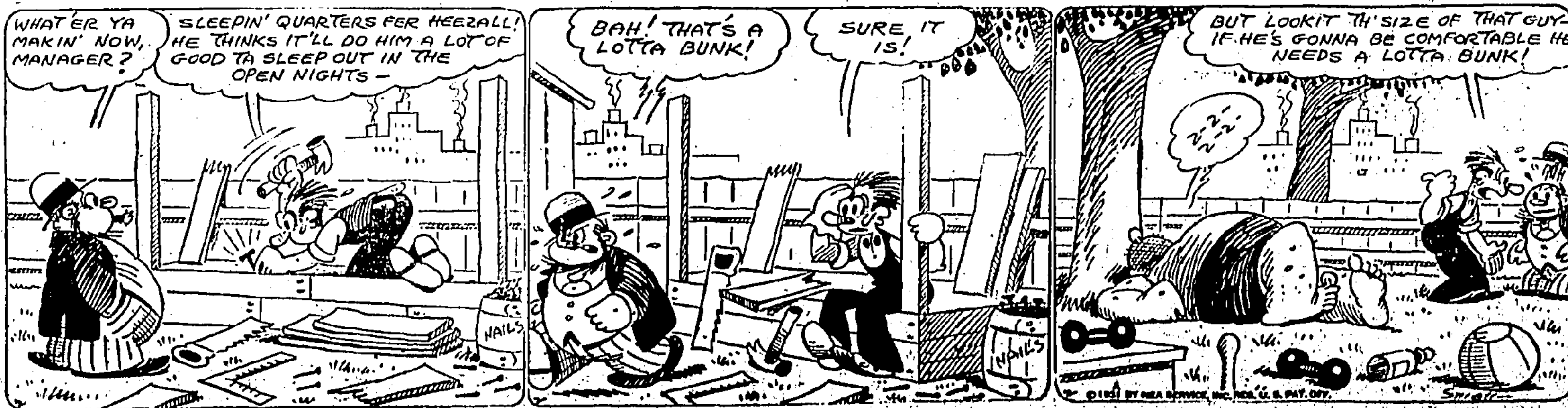
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Grave Anti-Fascist threats had been made against Signor Grandi, the Italian Foreign Minister, and New York police took no chances with the safety of the distinguished guest. More than 2,000 officers formed almost solid lines along lower Broadway as Grandi passed, and here you see them guarding against a demonstration. The officers were not permitted to glance behind towards the visitor's car for a single second.

Gems of Peril

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Rich old Mr. Jupiter is a man who has been married during the war years. He is a man of means, and his wife, Mrs. Jupiter, is a woman of means. They are a family of means, and they are a family of means.

She told her that Mr. Jupiter was a man of means, and his wife, Mrs. Jupiter, is a woman of means. They are a family of means, and they are a family of means.

CHAPTER XVI

Dirk drove the car out beyond the limit of the city, and into the small meadow which crowned the Point and turned off the engine. With a second turn of the wrist he turned off the lights.

Then he turned and drew her to him, swiftly, surely, and with an air of complete possession. Surprise mingled with the ardor with which she returned his long kiss.

Presently she asked curiously, "What did you want to talk about?"

"This," he said, and she heard him chuckle.

"What?"

"And something else. Listen. How soon can you get ready to be married?"

"This was surprise. 'Why, I haven't bought anything yet,' she stammered, 'but there's lots of time, isn't there? A month, surely. It was 66 days the last time I counted, but lately I haven't kept track.'

Dirk smoothed her hands gently with his big one.

"I mean, how long would it take you to pack?"

"Dirk!"

"You could pack a toothbrush, couldn't you? And there are a few things here and there as we went along? There are lots of nice little shops for women's gowns in Bermuda—or would you rather go to Europe? We could make it—if we didn't stay too long."

"But what's the hurry?" Mary's heart was hammering happily before the look in his eyes.

"Let's get married tomorrow. I don't know why we've waited this long, if it comes to that."

"Well, aren't you the impetuous lover?" Mary quavered, trying to keep a light tone. "Why this, all of a sudden?"

Dirk moved impatiently.

"Oh, people have backed at us long enough!" he growled. "If they keep at it much longer, they'll spoil things for us. Look at tonight."

Reviewing the miserable evening she had just spent, Mary thought there might be something in what he said.

He seized her hands and gripped them tightly. "If we've got to quarrel, let it come after. I don't want it to spoil the beginning for us. Do you?"

"No, oh, no."

"Well, that's that, then. How's Saturday? That gives you time to shop?" Mary nodded. It was a long time before they felt the need of words.

"That's what I've been wanting to tell you all evening," Mary whispered, presently. "That we needn't quarrel any more. I won't see that newspaperman again, if you don't want me to."

Dirk felt magnanimous, too, ap-

parently, for he laughed indulgently and kissed her.

"I guess Mrs. Dirk Ruyther can be trusted to do the right thing," he said.

It was nearly two when Mary's latchkey turned in the lock and she let herself into the great house and went happily upstairs. Strange, she wasn't tired now! Instead, she came to bounce, feather-light, up the long staircase; she felt far too happy to sleep.

There was a dim light burning in her room and a note left for her by the thoughtful Della. More thoughtful than literate, for the note was difficult to decipher.

"I stayed up to tell you Mr. Jupiter wants to see you in the morning. He is sorry for something and wants to apologize. I do know what for."

The world had been all wrong, and now it was right again every way. For pure happiness, Mary whirled around the room in an impromptu dance before tumbling into bed.

As she drifted off to sleep the letters of the word "Saturday" seemed to burn upon the walls of her mind like a gigantic electric sign.

They both felt better after Mr. Jupiter had "apologized" next morning.

"I was sorry for that the minute I said it, Mary," he scolded. "You hadn't ought to take what an old man like me says to heart so."

"I guess—that one thing—is a kind of sore spot with me," Mary explained. "Whatever Eddie did or didn't do, I feel responsible for, at least partly. So I couldn't let anyone call him a murderer when it isn't the truth!"

Surprisingly, she noticed the old man's eyes were wet. His lined face looked 10 years older.

"I'll bet I've thought the same a hundred times, since," he said, in a broken voice. "You know he came to me for money, I suppose?"

Mary nodded, in embarrassment. "If I hadn't of let him into the way, I did, he might not have—"

he broke off hastily, and substituted, "everything might have been all right. So you see, I've got my share to think on, same as you have."

"This humility was so new to the old man's manner that Mary could hardly credit her senses. It made it easier for her to know that he blamed himself, too."

"Well—forgive and forget. That's all we can do."

"Oh, I can forgive," Mary assured him, earnestly, "but I can't forget—not till I've found out the truth."

"Well, bless you, child, I won't stop you. Go ahead. But if you run afoul of Emily Ann Ruyther, don't say I didn't warn you."

Mary laughed and snapped her fingers.

"Oh, that for Emily Ann! Dirk's all that matters, and he's going to help me—he told me so last night."

At the recollection of what else he had told her last night, her eyes were starry and her lips smiled irresponsibly.

"Everything all right between you, eh?" Mr. Jupiter was an excellent observer, and he saw his answer written in her face. "That's good."

Stabbing her grapefruit thoughtfully, Mary wondered whether she ought to tell him of her plans. In a way, it was like "giving notice"



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—but then she wasn't employed here any more, really. At least, her only duties seemed to be playing cribbage, and writing a few notes saying that Mr. Jupiter was sorry but he would be unable to attend, etc. Her salary was still paid regularly every week. Mr. Jupiter had insisted on that, since she was staying on merely to please him.

But somehow she had a feeling that it might be bad luck to speak of it to a third person, just yet. The idea that she was to be married Saturday—to-morrow—was so new, so thrillingly imminent, that she was not used to it yet herself.

She would be sorry to leave, for all the grief she had known here. "I suppose you haven't heard any more from Mr. Bruce?" she asked.

The old man's face clouded. Mary instantly regretting having brought up the subject. He put down his spoon, apparently abandoning his breakfast.

"Not—a—line," he said slowly, lapsing into the weak, hoarse voice he had used ever since his wife's death. It was strange how quickly he seemed to change personalities lately. When his mind was taken off his troubles he seemed vigorous, stalwart, every inch the forceful man of business. Whenever he thought of his dead wife or his absent son he seemed to shrivel with age. His very voice became weak

and querulous, and he had the look of a dying man.

Mary thought "I wonder if I ought to talk to Dr. Jordan about him before I go away." Responsibility tugged at the wings of her happiness. She must go—she had given Dirk her word. Some one could be found to take her place and keep him amused until Bruce came. That was another, strange thing. What on earth could be keeping Bruce? She considered sending him a cablegram herself, stressing his father's ill health. But if his mother's death did not bring him, could anything else be expected? Once more she dismissed the matter as something that did not concern her, and turned her thoughts to her own affairs.

She ought to go about her shopping at once, if she expected to finish today. She had a few hundred dollars in the bank—it would be enough. Time was the important thing. Mr. Jupiter was still staring at the tablecloth, fingering it absently, nursing some inner hurt that made his face too terrible and stern to bear.

"What would you like to do this morning?" Mary heard herself asking faintly, and could have boxed her own ears. There might be fittings—heavens, she couldn't nearly accomplish all she must if

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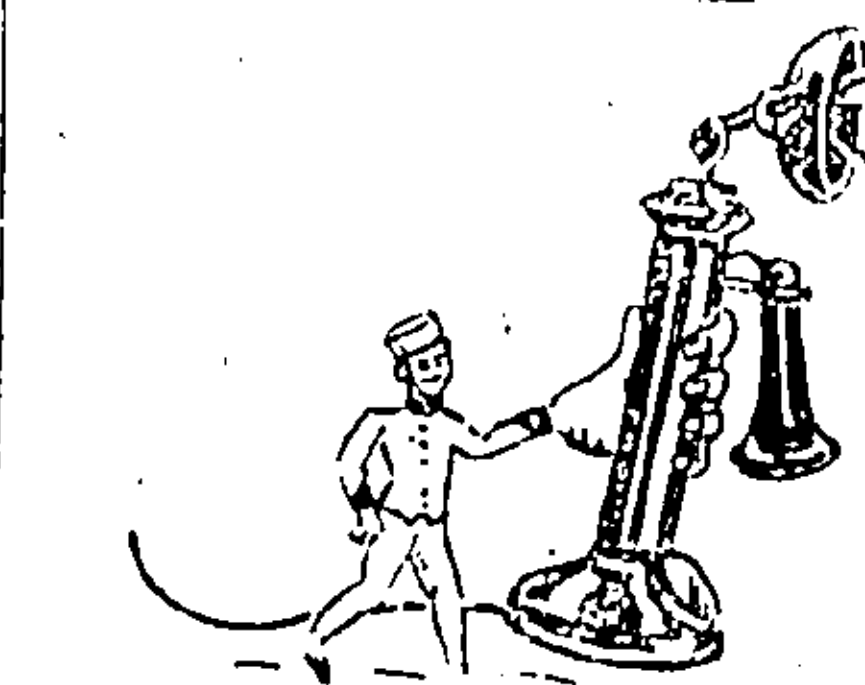
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 December 1932 1.34 up 2 pts.
 London (28/12/31).—London and New York markets hardening; some further recovery probable.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Dec. 23.	Monday.
Paris.....	87½	87½
Geneva.....	17.9/16	17.00
Berlin.....	14.40	14.7/10
Oslo.....	18½	18½
Helsingfors.....	240	227½
Athens.....	200	260
Buenos Aires.....	41	40½
New York.....	1/11½	1/11½
Amsterdam.....	8.17/32	3.43½
Vienna.....	30	8½
Madrid.....	40½	40.7/10
Bucharest.....	570	570
Hongkong.....	1/5.11/10	1/5½
Shanghai.....	21.00	21.00
Manila.....	67½	67½
Stockholm.....	17.16/10	18½
Copenhagen.....	18½	18½
Prague.....	115½	115½
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From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Yingchow	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 30.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Hijo Maru	December 30.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Zuldorkerk	December 30.
(London 10th December)	Talma	December 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Sui Sang	December 31.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers)	Chitral	January 1.
London 3rd December and Parcel	Rawalpindi	January 1.
20th November	Pres. Taft	January 1.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 12th December)	Nellora	January 2.
Australia and Manila	Tatsuta Maru	January 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hoover	January 2.
Manila	Brisbane Maru	January 4.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	January 5.
Saigon	Chenonceaux	January 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 11th December)	Pres. Pierce	January 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 10th December)	Empress of Asia	January 11.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshut and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Tues. Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues. Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung King	Tues. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilwa	Wed. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Eumneus	Wed. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	La Plata Maru	Wed. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Solviken	Wed. Dec. 30, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed. Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Kueichow	Wed. Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prominent	Wed. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deil Maru	Thurs. Dec. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs. Dec. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Japan	Fri. Jan. 1.
	Parcel	Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 1, 11.15 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 1, Noon.
	(Due Vancouver B.C., 17th Jan.)	
Swatow and Bangkok	Muinam	Fri. Jan. 1, Noon.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Fri. Jan. 1, Noon.
Amoy	Saingan	Fri. Jan. 1, Noon.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Nankin	Sat. Jan. 2.
	Parcel	Jan. 1, Noon.
	Registration	Jan. 2, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 2, 9.45 a.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 10th January.)	
Sandakan	Yusang	Sat. Jan. 2, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Adm. Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	Sat. Jan. 2.
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	Parcel	Jan. 1, 11 a.m.
	Registration	2nd Jan., 9 a.m.
	Letters	2nd Jan., 10 a.m.
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	Parcel	Jan. 1, Noon.
	Registration	2nd Jan., 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	2nd Jan., 9.45 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 29th January.)	
Manila	Pres. Taft	Sat. Jan. 2, noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun. Jan. 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon. Jan. 4, 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues. Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx	Tues. Jan. 5.
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	Reg.	Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 6, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 5, 1.15 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 5, 2 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 5th February)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Diomed	Tues. Jan. 5.
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	Reg.	Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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	(Due Marseilles, 4th February)	

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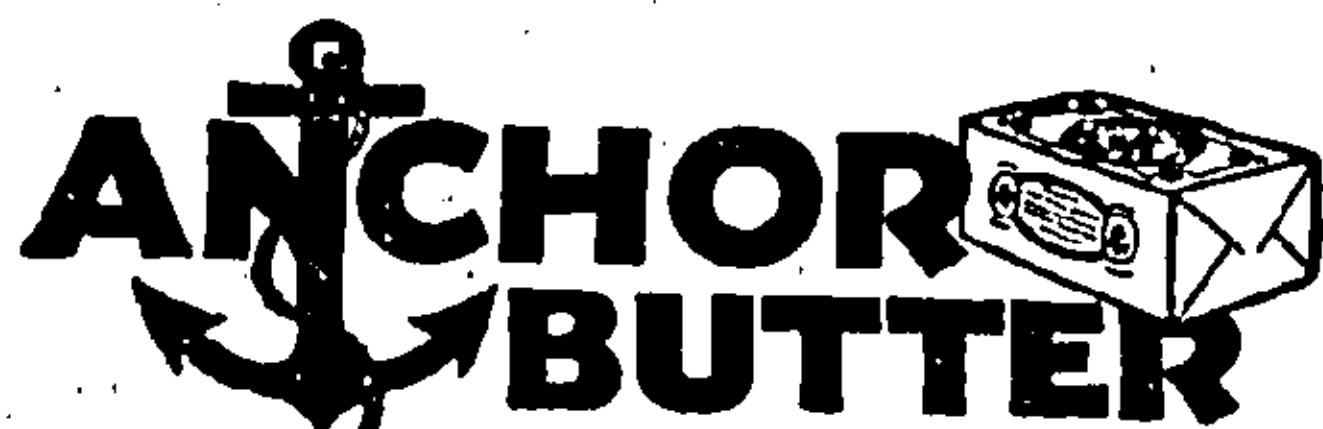
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China Underwriters, \$4.90 n.
China Fire, \$850 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.

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Union Waterboats, \$27 n.
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Benguet, \$107½ n.
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Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

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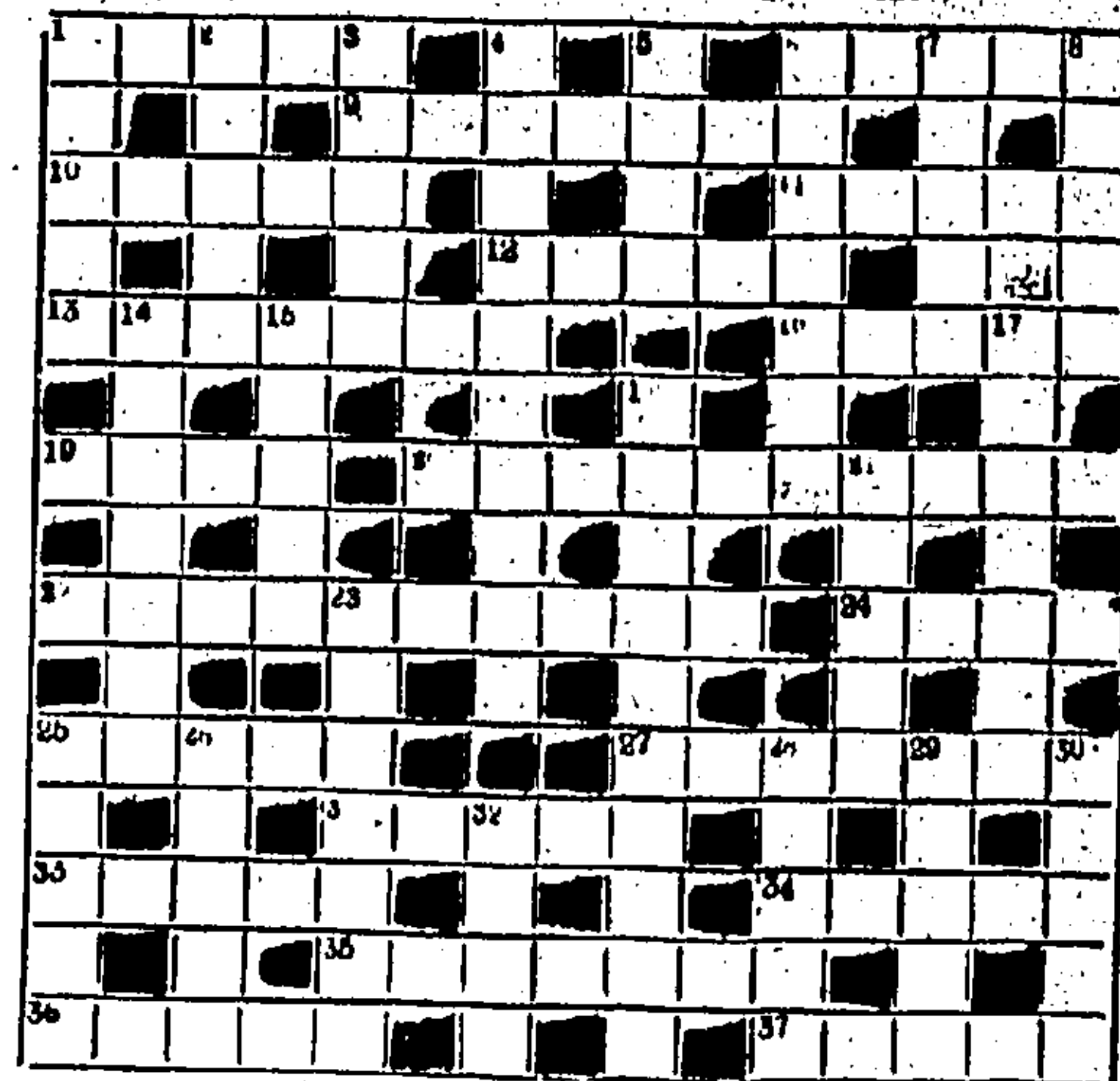
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- 6 It takes an American to grow really rich quickly (hidden).
- 9 Canadian city of which the east end is a replica of the west end, and it worthy of full confidence.
- 10 Give this an additional head and find it worthy of full confidence.
- 11 A drink of which large use is made.
- 12 Though challenged, dread lurks in the background.
- 13 Honest.
- 16 Changed times produce these particulars.
- 19 To run this is an act of insanity, though it's all right ultimately.
- 20 Fidelity that may be frequently displayed by a ballist.
- 22 Don't rely on this to catch your train: it's always behind hand (hyphen).
- 24 No one received her next message most unfortunately (hidden).
- 25 Useful in the garden at the fall of the leaf—it must be so, more or less.
- 27 Scrutinise from out of an excavation.
- 31 Seen at many big weddings, these may be turned repeatedly.
- 32 Though this item (on the sports programme) starts in a flat way it opens out at the finish.
- 34 What Sydney Smith's epigram had done before he announced that fate could not harm him.
- 35 Might well describe the said epigram's statement.
- 36 Yield.
- 37 Used in the making of bricks, and may be very dark.

Down

- 5 Here one becomes an "expert" (slang).
- 6 Not at all warm—sounds rather like an ice, for example.
- 7 This cell has never held a prisoner.
- 8 Begins.
- 14 Dip.
- 15 Associated with ale by Sir Toby Belch.
- 17 A wind that may be fierce while it lasts, but ends soon.
- 18 The fellow at the head of a certain old English city is absorbed in this one.
- 21 Drop up—and down.
- 23 It's simply the devil to be in a passion about tea!
- 25 This winner, strangely enough, Joseph's stood upright.
- 28 An outdoor range in South America that smokes in places.
- 29 A well-known London circle.
- 30 Settle upon.
- 32 When you are in difficulties with a clue this may let you out; but be careful, for it may let you in.

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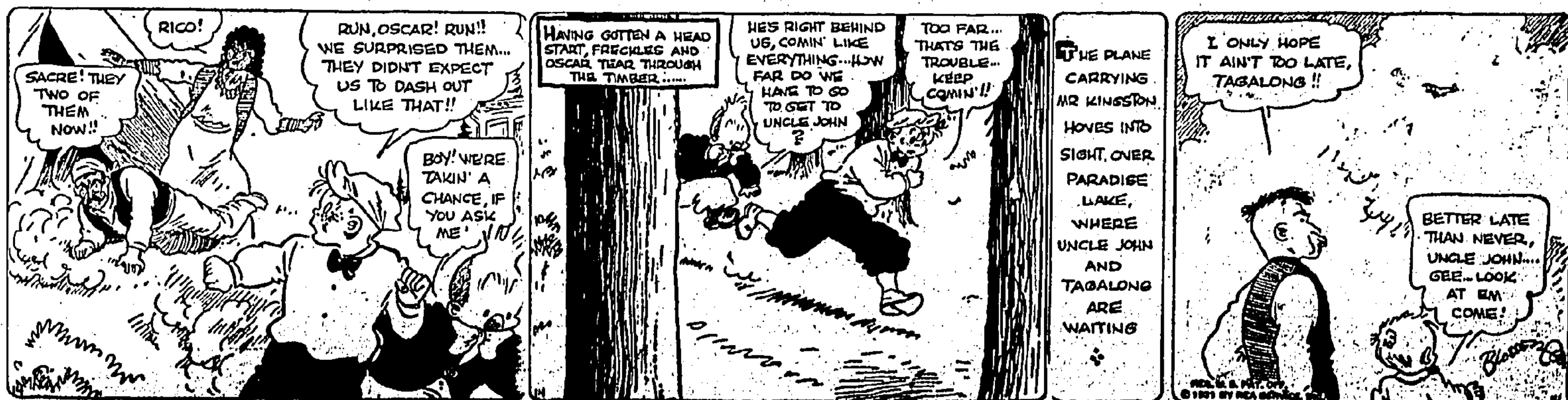
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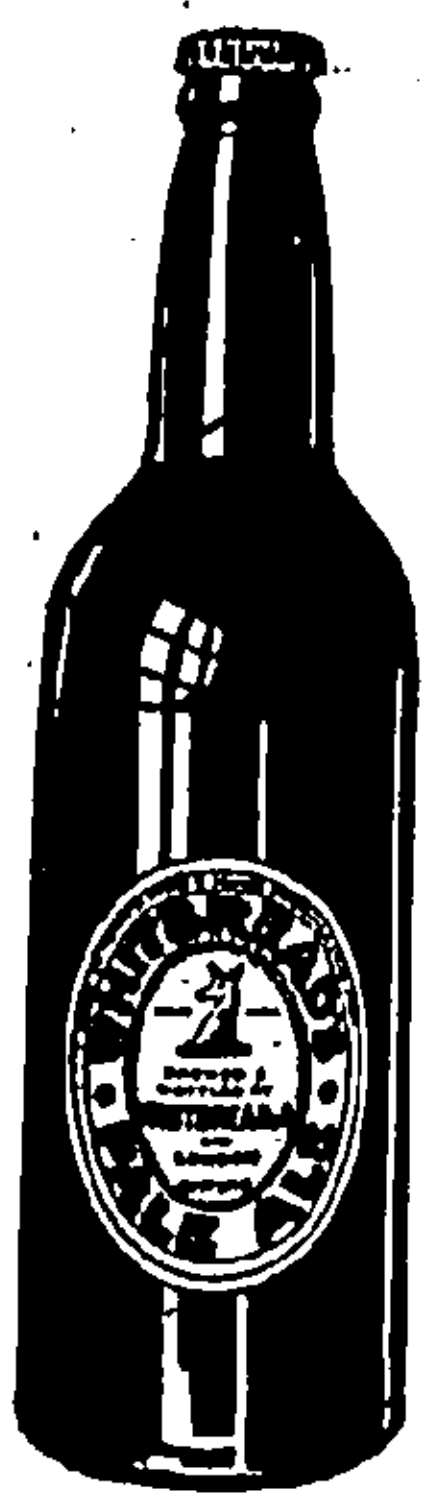
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ARMSTRONG.—At Enling, on 25 December, 1931, to Vera the wife of H. J. Armstrong, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1931.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The obviously absurd report, in an American newspaper recently, that a Franco-Japanese agreement had been concluded by which Japan would guarantee to France the possession of a Chinese Province, would appear to have been given considerable credence in various Chinese newspapers. Gradually, however, the truth is being recognised, thanks to the vigorous official denials issued in Paris and by the French Minister in China. At the time of publication of the story, we described it as queer and amusing, but, unhappily, in the present state of affairs in China, there are not wanting those who would seize on such an invention in order to drag other countries into the boycott movement. For this reason, it is well that all such rumours should be promptly scotched. The one under notice was patently without any foundation in fact.

It is interesting, in connexion with this matter, to recall that in 1919 there was an almost precisely similar story going the rounds, suggesting territorial ambitions on the part not only of France, but of Japan and Britain as well, at China's expense. This was to the effect that there was in existence a secret agreement between Japan and her European allies of the Great War concerning the future of Shantung and of other parts of China as well. The story was published in New York, as being a current rumour in Paris, that a private triple alliance, concerning the whole of Asia, had been concluded between the French, Japanese and British Governments,

and the originators of the report even went so far as to give details of the pretended arrangement of territorial advantages between these three countries. Strangely enough, also, the story was given considerable prominence in Tokyo, in which connexion there was a suggestion made that this was nothing but a piece of Japanese propaganda, designed to frighten China and, after the subsequent denial, to show Japan as a guardian of Chinese interests. However, the whole story was later the subject of categorical denials by all the countries concerned, the French Legation in Peking explicitly and emphatically declaring that France would never enter into any secret alliance concerning Chinese territory.

The latest report would probably have received far less attention but for the fact that it coincided with Chinese allegations of French warlike activities on the borders of Annam and Kwangsi, allegations which have since been shown to be as utterly untrue as this story of Franco-Japanese intrigue. A moment's serious thought would have made it clear that France could have no such designs on Chinese sovereignty. Apart from her own domestic preoccupations, France has been experiencing quite enough unrest in Annam not to wish to extend the sphere of her rule in the Far East. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the very pointed denials in Paris, as well as by the French Minister to China and the Consul-General in Hongkong, will suffice to dispose once and for all of these fantastic stories, which are obviously being circulated with ulterior motives.

A Year of Troubles.

Nineteen-thirty-one has been a year of acute difficulty the world over, a time of grave economic stress and hardship, and the worst of its troubles are still present, crying out for remedy. Normally, this would be a season of renewed hope and freshly affirmed determination. There would be a feeling of confidence that the New Year has brighter days in store. To-day, however, it is impossible to look out upon the vista of world affairs, the prospects for the immediate future, without a sense of gloom. The future always lies with the young and the youth of the world seems irresponsible. The crisis has, so far, proved too big for the elder statesmen to handle, and there is no sign of a new outlook providing the men to take their places. Man has become more cynical. Moral and religious sentiments have been dulled. Suspicion among men and among nations has increased. The struggle for existence has become more selfish, more keen and more bitter. The whole world is in political and economic ferment through the operation of far-reaching and deep-lying causes, which are only imperfectly understood. There seems little room for hope, more for warning.

This is not the time to be swept from our moorings by superficial currents of rash opinion or by crude and selfish nationalism. Those qualities of practical capacity and courage which have marked the history of the British peoples for over a thousand years will never more be needed than in 1932. The enemies of true national prosperity as well as of international understanding, co-operation and peace must be fought to the last ditch. The co-operation of all men for high ends is the only goal if the world is to preserve sanity.

SILVER MARKET STILL DULL.

SLIGHT DROP IN NEW YORK.

Dull conditions continue to prevail on the exchange market. Silver is unchanged in London, where the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

In New York, silver is down a quarter, on a dull market. In Hongkong and Shanghai, there is no change in the quotations, the market being very quiet. In both centres, with no-one disposed to do business.

DAY BY DAY

TO "TEACH" RELIGION, THE FIRST THING NEEDFUL, AND ALSO THE ONLY THING, IS THE FINDING OF A MAN WHO HAS RELIGION.—Carlyle.

The B. I. s. s. Talma, from Singapore, is due here to-morrow morning.

The Bank Line s. s. Benarty, from Home via Straits and Manila, is due here on January 6th.

The N.Y.K. Line has issued an effective wall calendar, bearing a coloured picture of one of its newest liners.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan, from Manila, is due here at noon on Wednesday, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

The next meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association will be held on Tuesday, January 5, at 6.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute, when Mrs. C. E. L. Grist will talk on "Magazines."

During blasting operations on the Morrison Hill site, facing Stubbs Road, this morning, two employees, a man and his wife, who were working on the scene were injured by falling stones. They were later taken to Hospital. It is not yet known whether the injuries are of a serious nature.

"The ball rolled my way and I kicked it," pleaded a young Chinese when charged before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning with obstruction by playing football in a Wanchai street. In view of the fact that he was without employment, his Worship took a lenient view of the offence and discharged the culprit with a caution.

In prosecuting a driver for dangerous driving near Naval Terrace, Queen's Road, Sub-Inspector Nicol stated in the Police Court this morning that the defendant, who had been following a tramcar and a van, suddenly cut in between the two front vehicles on the bend at a speed of about 25 miles an hour. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

GOVERNOR JUST ESCAPES.

RECKLESS DRIVER FINED.

That His Excellency the Governor was endangered by the reckless manner in which a public driver handled his car near the Wanchai Market on December 5 was revealed in a prosecution before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when Sergeant Baker summoned the driver.

The defendant, who was accused of reckless driving, admitted the offence and was fined \$25.

According to Sergeant Baker, he was escorting His Excellency the Governor to the Races and on passing the Wanchai Market, the defendant, who was driving a car towards town, passed a lorry going in the same direction at a speed of about 30 miles an hour, passing between the lorry and His Excellency's car in a dangerous manner. The officer was in front of the Governor's car on a motor cycle.

His Worship:—Would it be you who would be in danger or the Governor?

Sergeant Baker replied that he would say that it would be the Governor. There was also a danger to pedestrians and other traffic.

IS MAN ON THE VERGE OF DOOM?

Five Famous Scientists Reply.

The world crisis has tempted some people to believe in the imminence of the end of the world. In this symposium, five famous scientists answer the question—Is Man Upon The Verge of Doom?

"YES—UNLESS ...!"

Says THE RT. HON. EARL RUSSELL

There will be no safety in the world until men have applied to the rules between different States the great principle of security, namely, that in any dispute force must not be employed by either interested party, but only by a neutral authority after due investigation according to recognised principles of law.

When all the armed forces of the world are controlled by one world-wide authority, we shall have reached the stage in the relation of States which was reached centuries ago in the relations of individuals. Nothing less than this will ever suffice.

Much of the hatred in the world springs from bad digestion and inadequate functioning of the glands, which is a result of oppression and thwarting in youth. In a world where the health of the young is adequately cared for and where their vital impulses are given the utmost scope compatible with their own health and that of their companions, men and women will grow up more courageous and less malevolent than they are at present.

Given such human beings and an international government, the world might yet become stable and civilised, whereas with our present psychology and political organisation, every increase in scientific knowledge brings the destruction of civilisation nearer.

"NO—IF WE ...!"

Says SIR OLIVER LODGE

It is absurd to think that we are so much occupied with preparation for possible warfare when we should be working for the good of posterity; fighting only against the hostile forces of nature symbolised under the names plague, pestilence, and famine.

True, we have begun to attend to disease and are making strides in this direction, but we do not attend sufficiently to agriculture by far.

The earth has apparently been in existence for two thousand million years, and inhabited for perhaps a two hundredth part of that time. The human race is at present only in its infancy.

If we hand down our knowledge of good, and if this knowledge is added to by each succeeding generation, if we work for the improvement of the world and of ourselves, then I see no reason why mankind should not inherit the earth and enjoy to the full the privilege of existence upon it for another ten million centuries or more.

"THE END WILL COME!"

Says SIR NAPIER SHAW

I am told there is a mysterious quantity called "Entropy," and

this is said to be a factor of the energy that keeps the universe at work, temperature or warmth being its associate in the performance of its duty.

I am also told that, by a natural process, the warmth of all the different parts of the universe is becoming equalised. By those same processes, the entropy has increased, is increasing, and cannot be diminished. Hence, mankind and the world will come to doom when there is perfectly uniform warmth or chilliness and entropy is at its greatest.

Putting the same truth into simple language, the end of the world will come when every creature is in the enjoyment of a living wage, and nobody is able to earn anything!

"NOT IN OUR TIME!"

Says MR. E. L. HAWKE

The major catastrophe will undoubtedly not occur during our time. The earth's future history is fraught with so many possibilities that any forecast of its ultimate fate must, in the present state of our knowledge, be sheer guess-work.

There is good reason to believe that the sun is a "variable star," and that its output of heat has been far from constant since the planets were formed. Geological evidence indicates that even within comparatively recent times ice Ages have alternated with periods in which climatic conditions now limited to tropical and sub-tropical regions extended beyond the Arctic Circle.

We know next to nothing of the earlier stages of our earth's career but it is not unreasonable to assume that this little globe was destined to be only intermittently suitable for human habitation.

Man's era is believed to have lasted for less than one-five-hundredth part of the immense aeon that has elapsed since the birth of the solar system; his existence here may well be merely an incident of a relatively short span of time separating periods of such intense heat and such extreme cold as would snuff out all terrestrial life.

In that event, we must suppose our descendants of the "nth" generation will be either scorched or frozen to extinction—doubtless after a long and glorious attempt to resist the terrible forces of Nature.

It seems not at all unlikely that some such cataclysm will bring about the eventual doom of mankind as we know it, thousands of centuries hence. Whether the world would then remain lifeless, until the final destruction of the solar system, or whether it would breed a new race of beings during another favourable climatic phase, is an interesting subject for philosophical speculation.

"DOES IT MATTER?"

Says PROFESSOR A. M. LOW

If we believe that the sun is cooling, and that eventually this miserable earth will be crowded with people consumed by bacteria, sharing together the last tabloid of food, and burrowing into the earth to obtain warmth, we can comfort ourselves with the idea that thought is more permanent than more obvious matter, and that we may yet learn how to transfer the remnant of material, which will be necessary to keep our ethereal soul in being, to other planets.

Even so, it may be that inter-planetary flight will have so developed by the time that it becomes necessary to quit this homely earth that we shall be able to retire to the farthest planet if the sun becomes too hot, or seek the nearest one to it if that ball of fire becomes too cold.

But we should remember that although the end of the world and the end of the body seem to be of equal importance, neither matters if one believes in any form of after-life.

WHERE IS A MAN SAFE?

By A BACHELOR

WOMEN are most crassly collected. Taken as a whole they seem to take for granted that we men require, day after day, their company upon every possible occasion. Things as they stand at the moment are rapidly approaching the ridiculous. I am frequently rung up by some woman friend, our conversation being somewhat as follows:

She:—"Hallo, my dear. Are you doing anything to-night?"
Myself:—(Guardedly)—"No—oh, (Continued on Page 7.)"



"—now take me; I can always forget my business worries the minute I step out of my office."

PROBABLE CHINA
MINISTERS.EUGENE CHEN FOR
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Nanking, Dec. 29. With the appointment of Mr. Sun Fo and General Chan Ming-shu as the President and Vice-President respectively of the Executive Yuan, the appointments to the various Ministries controlled by the Executive Yuan will be announced in the course of the next day or so.

A forecast of the appointments is as follows:—
Foreign Affairs.—Mr. Eugene Chen (Kuomintang Leftist) and close friend of Mr. Sun Fo).
Minister of War.—General Ho Ying-ching (many years the chief lieutenant of Chiang Kai-shek).
Minister of the Navy.—Admiral Yang Shu-chang (an associate of Chiang Kai-shek).
Minister of Interior.—Mr. Li Wen-fan (Mr. Hu Han-min's chief secretary).
Minister of Education.—Professor Ku Men-yu (Kuomintang Leftist).
Minister of Industry.—Mr. Chen Kung-poh (Kuomintang Leftist).
Minister of Railways.—Mr. Yeh Kung-cho (Minister of Communications to the Peking Government in 1920, 1922, and 1925).
Minister of Chief of Staff of the Army.—General Chu Pei-teh (an army commander under Chiang Kai-shek).
Director-General of Military Training Bureau.—Marshal Li Chai-sum, with General Tang Sheng-chi as Chief of the General Staff.—*Reuter.*

THREE BANISHEES
CAUGHT.ALL GET PRISON
TERMS.

Banished at various periods of ten years each, three men, Wong Keung, Kung Kin and Wong Choi, were charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with returning to the Colony before the expiration of their terms.

Wong Keung, who was banished in December, 1927, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Kung Kin, who was banished in 1924, had returned to the Colony three times, and was sentenced to 12 months.

The third man, Wong Choi, was banished in 1921. He returned in 1927 and was banished for another 10 years. He was also sentenced to 12 months. Sub-Inspector Michael Murphy, who prosecuted in all three cases, said the defendants were arrested together.

AARVOLD WILL LEAD
ENGLAND.TEAM CHOSEN TO MEET
THE SPRINGBOKS.

London, Dec. 21. After the trial match on Saturday, in which the "Rest" defeated the "Probables" by 16 points to 6, the following players were chosen to represent England against the South African Rugby tourists at Twickenham on January 2:

Full-Back.—R. J. Barr (Leicester).

Three-Quarters.—C. D. Aarvold (Blackheath), captain; R. A. Gerrard (Rath); J. A. Tallent (Cambridge University); C. C. Tanner (Gloucester).

Half-Backs.—R. Spong (Old Millhillians); W. H. Sobey (Old Millhillians).

Forwards.—D. J. Norman (Leicester); G. G. Gregory (Bristol); A. D. Carpenter (Gloucester); R. G. S. Hobbs (Army and Richmond); C. Webb (Devonport Services); L. E. Saxby (Gloucester); A. J. Rowley (Coventry); D. Hodgson.

WILL ROGERS DUE
HERE SOON.ARRIVING ON NEW
YEAR'S DAY.

Cinema-goers who have heard and seen Will Rogers in the talks will be interested to learn that he is arriving here aboard the s.s. President Taft on New Year's Day.

Rogers, whose droll wit has made him known the world over, is the highest-paid cinema star on contract to-day. Incidentally, he is shortly to appear in two films at the King's Theatre, one of which, "Young As You Feel," has won high praise wherever it has been screened.

He is at present on a vacation tour in the East, and whilst in the North has been giving some home-ly advice, in his own inimitable way, on the Manchurian crisis.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE
ON MANCHURIA.WOULD NOT ACCEPT IT
AS A GIFT.

TROOPS AGAIN MOVE.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. "Japan would not accept Manchuria even as a gift, owing to enormous expenditure entailed in defending its extensive frontiers," declared Mr. Inukai, speaking to representatives of the Press. He added that all Japan wanted in Manchuria was to protect her treaty rights.

It has been learned that a statement re-affirming the policy of the open door and equal opportunity will be published shortly, in the nature of a reply to the United States Ambassador, Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, who it is revealed called on Mr. Inukai on the 24th inst. for the purpose of communicating the complaints of American interests in Mukden that the Japanese military authorities were interfering with foreign commercial activities.

In his reply Mr. Inukai asked Mr. Forbes to recognise the abnormal circumstances which necessitated the temporary unavoidable interference with trade, but promised that Japan had no intention of retaining Manchuria, and secondly that Japan would adhere to the open door policy and welcome foreign participation in Manchurian enterprises as soon as normal conditions were restored.

It is also learned that the Japanese Consul General at Mukden promised the foreign consuls that Japan would take responsibility for seeing that the debts incurred by Chang Hsueh-liang's administration to foreign firms would be paid by the provisional government at Mukden as soon as it was firmly established, while Japan herself was prepared to indemnify any losses entailed by Japanese action.—*Reuter.*

Troops Hitting Hard
and Quick.

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Troops which stayed overnight at Tienchiangli departed this morning to undertake a fresh bandit drive on the Peking-Mukden Railway. The troops are reported to be in high spirits, despite the mercury reading thirty degrees below zero.

Japanese light bombers are co-operating with General Amano's brigade, which is advancing in three columns, driving all before them.

The Japanese are apparently employing the usual tactics of hitting hard and quick, giving their opponents no time to rest, the same as they did when chasing Ma Chanshan's troops.

The Japanese entered Tawa, on the Yingkou Railway line, after sharp fighting. They are expected to stay there overnight, continuing the bandit drive to-morrow in the direction of Panshan.—*Reuter.*

WOMEN'S MORE
DIGNIFIED WALK.EFFECT OF NEW
FASHIONS.

The deportment class—that neglected institution, scorned since the passing of genteel young ladies—has sprung up to date, led by the hand of the new fashions.

When women don their military coats or their grand-dame evening dresses they are put to shame by their inability to look the part. Automatically they throw up their heads, attempt to straighten stooping shoulders, and to regulate their slouching gait. But in vain!

The slouching bearing that suited boyish dresses has held sway for too long, and so women and girls are flocking to deportment classes.

Mrs. Ennet Stack of the Women League of Health and Beauty, Great Portland Street, W., says:—"To wear the new dresses, especially those that are tight in the waist with the fulness dragged round to the back, it is essential for women to hold themselves correctly."

Miss Belle Harding, a teacher of dancing, says:—"Although these fashions have been in favour only the last few months I have noticed a change for the better. Women are holding themselves with greater dignity."

FLOOD RELIEF.

GENEROUS RESPONSE FROM
EUROPE.

Geneva, Dec. 28. The Society of Friends, of Britain, and contributed £250 for flood relief in China, which, with other sums, has enabled the despatch of an Egyptian bacteriologist, assistants and a travelling laboratory equipped with anti-malaria and anti-cholera vaccine. Among the Governments which responded to the League's appeal to aid in flood relief are Holland, Spain, France, Poland, Denmark and Sweden.—*Reuter.*

THE REPARATIONS
TANGLE.ANGLO-FRENCH ACCORD
DESIRED.

Paris, Dec. 28. It is learned that the British Premier's letter to Mr. Laval suggests preparatory discussions with a view to a reparations conference. It is understood that M. Laval is ready to accept the invitation, which has not yet been sent, to a personal discussion with Mr. MacDonald either in London or Paris. Political quarters welcome as of paramount importance the idea of a preliminary Franco-British understanding on reparations.

Although M. Laval denies that he has received any invitation from Mr. MacDonald, the French and British experts are at present conferring on reparations; but a meeting of Premiers is not likely to be held until the experts' discussions have concluded.—*Reuter.*

Germany's Capacity.

London, Dec. 28. The full report of the special advisory committee of the Bank for International Settlements, convened on Germany's initiative in accordance with the provisions of the Young Plan, is being despatched to the Governments concerned.

Sir Frederick Leith Ross, of the British Treasury, will resume this week the discussions in Paris with the French Finance Minister, M. Flandin, on the reparations conference arrangements. These conversations were begun a fortnight ago, and were suspended owing to the Christmas holidays.

Commenting on the Basle report, the *Daily Telegraph* says, "Without stability the world cannot recapture prosperity. For a condition of stability, a permanent financial settlement among the nations is essential. We may be justified in saying that the directors of the German economic policy have set themselves to create conditions in which the payment of obligations imposed upon Germany by her opponents in the war would be impossible. The duty of the Governments in conference is to devise a scheme which will harmonise international debts with present conditions."

The *News Chronicle* says, "Until the whole question of Germany's financial situation is satisfactorily built up, ordinary movements of currency between one country and another will not be resumed, trade will come to a standstill, and the financial paralysis from which the world is suffering will continue and intensify."—*British Wireless.*

NEW AUTOGIRO
AEROPLANE.POSSIBLE TO LAND ON
ROOF TOPS.

Two new models of the autogiro aeroplane, which may soon make it possible for private owners to land or take off in private gardens or on roof tops, were demonstrated at Hanworth Air Park recently.

One—the C 24—is a two-seater cabin machine, and the other—the C 19 Mark IV—is a two-seater open machine. Both incorporate the new three-bladed cantilever rotor (or windmill blade) system, instead of the previous four blades, and the mechanical rotor starter short distance. It is claimed that the "machine of the future" has emerged from the experimental stage, and it is, therefore, being placed on the market for any private owner to fly.

Senior J. de la Cierba, the designer, states that his next machine is to be one capable of carrying six passengers.

He hopes gradually to apply his device to the largest type of aircraft. In designing the autogiro, he set out to solve three of the chief weaknesses of the ordinary type of aeroplane—the long run on the ground when taking off; the dangerous tendency to lose flying speed and stall; and the long glide and run on returning to earth. "I think I have succeeded," he said. "I have abolished the need for a long run and the tendency to stall."

CHINA'S LATEST
NOTE.JAPAN EXTENDING
OCCUPATION.

Geneva, Dec. 28. A fresh Chinese Note sent to the League Secretariat details the latest movements of Japanese troops and calls attention to a proclamation by General Honjo, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria.

The Note declares that General Honjo's proclamation, taken in conjunction with the troop movements, appears to denote increasing Japanese military activity, with the intention of extending the occupation.—*Reuter.*

NANKING ELECTION
RESULT.CANTON NOMINEE AS
CHAIRMAN.

FENG RE-EMERGES.

Nanking, Dec. 28. It is officially announced that the results of to-day's elections are as follows:

Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Chen Ming-shu Vice-President, of the Executive Yuan.

Chang Chi President, and Chen Cheng Vice-President, of the Legislative Yuan.

Tai Chi-tao President, and Liu Lu-yin Vice-President, of the Examination Yuan.

C. C. Wu President, and Chu Cheng Vice-President, of the Judicial Yuan.

It is considered significant that the occupants of the six highest positions in the new Government are civilians.

The following nine members of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Council were elected this afternoon:

Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Wang Ching-wei, Sun Fo, Yu Yu-jen, Ku Men-yu, Chu Cheng, Chen Kuo-fu, and Yeh Chutsang (who was elected Secretary General of the Kuomintang).

The Standing Committee of the Central Political Council will have only three members, namely Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei and Hu Han-min.

The Nanking group favoured Yu Yu-jen as chairman of the National Government but the Canton group supported Lin Sen.—*Reuter.*

Nanking, Dec. 28. Feng Yu-hsiang, who is expected to arrive late to-night by special train, looks up as an important figure in the Chinese political drama. It is stated that in view of Chiang Kai-shek's firm refusal of any post in the new Government, Feng Yu-hsiang is now favoured for the post of President of the Control Yuan.

Feng arrived in Tainan last night and was warmly welcomed by his former subordinate, Han Fu-chu.

It is learned that Feng is going to Shanghai to see Wang Ching-wei immediately after the closing ceremony of the Kuomintang Congress to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

CROWN LAND.

PURCHASE BY HOSPITAL
AUTHORITIES.

At yesterday's sale of Crown land at the Public Works Department, two lots situated at Fleming Road were purchased by the Tung Wah Hospital authorities.

The first lot was an extent of 2,938 square feet of land, and was sold at \$80,000, the upset price being \$44,070. Bidding was very brisk. The second lot, comprising 6,483 square feet of land, was sold at \$97,100. The upset price was \$90,945. There was practically no bidding at all in this sale.

The third lot of land, about 930 square feet situated at Wong Nei Chung Road, was sold to Liu Kung-sung, of 14, Queen's Road, Central, room No. 207, for \$6,900, the upset price being \$2,800.

WHERE IS A MAN
SAFE?

(Continued from Page 6.)

I don't think so. Why?" She—"Because I'm bored to death."

Myself—"I'm sorry."

She—"Darling (note this inflection) you must take me out. We'll do a show or dance or something."

Myself—"But look here, I—"

She—"Well, of course, if you don't want to—"

Myself (beaten)—"Oh, but I do."

She—"Then what's all the fuss about?"

Ubiquitous Eve.

That, as far as I am concerned, is, of course, final, and I am dragged out against my will to some stifling dance hall, when I had planned a quiet evening with that latest novel. The whole affair is terrible; the crush appalling; the band shrieking and everything staged, managed and finally produced for the benefit of women.

All round the room it is the same—men and women, men and women. Is there no escape from this sort of thing? Is there no sport, no occupation, nowhere a man can go and find a blessed skilful environment? I have come to the conclusion that there is not.

In the first place, had it not been for the innate selfishness and grasping propensities of the average woman we should have certain fields still reserved for the occupation of men only. As it is, however, women have intruded themselves, insinuated their presence by flattery and guile into every known stronghold of man.

One by one our clubs are admitted ladies into their public rooms. In the first place, it might have been amusing to take one's clinging little lady friend at her pressing request into a "big strong man's club. The novelty appealed both to you and to her. Novelty soon wear off, however, and men are cursing the day when they actually put to the vote the question of women's admission to clubs. They are a nuisance; not over-decorative—as they plead—and very expensive.

A friendly men's foursome at the golf club is now in the process of being broken up. Women are admitted to the club-house, and unfortunately our hide-bound courtesy demands that we never refuse when some slimy little thing asks sweetly, "If we 'would give her a game.' Don't, if you can help it, play golf with a woman. It is a regrettable experience.

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Scotch Song-The Waddie O' Mary. Maclean. DX266.

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6.05-6.35 p.m. Children's Concert from the Studio.

6.36-7.00 p.m. Orchestral. Summer Night on the River (Dellus). Sir Thomas Beecham and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. DX168.

Masanello-Overture (Auber). Milan Symphony Orchestra. DX187.

Voices of Spring (J. Strauss). Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orch. DX266.

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.).

7.05-8.00 p.m. A Concert. Piano Solo-Polnalse is E Flat (Chopin). Jose Echaniz. DX648.

Song-Elleen Alannah (Marble and Thomas). Song-My Ain Folk (Mills and Lemon). Dame Clara Butt (Contralto). X341.

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8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

8.05-11.30 p.m. Relay from the K. Shing Theatre.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

11.30 p.m. Close down.

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For Woman's Benefit.

At one time a man could say with reasonable safety that he was free from petticoats during business hours, but no longer can he make such an assertion. The temperamental nuisance, the "lady secretary" is everywhere, demanding once again a show of gentlemanly courtesy at times when such frumpiness are superfluous and tedious. She has invaded every office, stripping it of dignity and respect with powder and lipstick. Nor is there any escaping her. She has come, she is established, and she is there to stay.

Look at the average theatre or cinema audience. Four-fifths of it is composed of men and women in equal proportion. Should a man go to a show alone or even in the company of a man friend, he is looked upon resentfully by the women he knows best. "They have sat at home; they have been bored to tears; he goes out to shows and never takes them," &c., &c. So in desperation we take them, and they sit back in smug satisfaction, and really think that we enjoy it.

Everything is run for women nowadays; women's interests predominate in film, theatre, magazine and newspaper. Can we not, for a change, have some attention paid to us? After all, we make the money.

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

KEEN COMPETITION OF YUAMATI PUPILS.

Keen competition by the younger boys was a feature of the annual sports meeting of the Yuamati School, held at King's Park yesterday afternoon. There were no fewer than 20 events, every one being keenly contested.

The prizes were later distributed by Mrs. J. Ralston, Mr. C. Mycock, the Headmaster, congratulated the winners on their success, and also the losers for the sporting manner in which they had lost. He thanked the staff for the organization of the meeting, and Mrs. Ralston for so kindly consenting to present the prizes.

The results were as follows:
100 Yards Senior.—1, Chan Tak-fai; 2, Tam Kan-woo; 3, Chan C. un-chol.

100 Yards Junior.—1, Fong Kuk-wing; 2, Cheung Chau-ming; 3, Chan Yin-wan.

100 Yards (Small Boys).—1, Chan New-man; 2, Li Shui-pang; 3, Fan Sai-fong.

High Jump Senior.—1, Tam Kan-woo; 2, Li Shui-ming; 3, Yeung Po-kui.

High Jump Junior.—1, Chan Yin-wan and Tang Yu-wah; 2, Cheung Chau-ming.

Flag Race (Small Boys).—1, Chan New-man; 2, Yau Sai-kau; 3, Li Shui-pang.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Chan Kan-woo; 2, Chan Tak-fai; 3, Li Shui-ming.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, Chan Lu-chuen; 2, Cheung Chau-ming; 3, Tang Yu-wah.

Egg and Spoon Race (Small Boys).—1, Yau Sai-kau; 2, Chan Kai-kit; 3, Tam Sik-pui.

Three Legged Race.—Ko Shu-hong and Lung Chi-lap; 2, Tain Ming-chen and Ip Hon-chuen; 3, Chan Yin-wan and Chan New-man.

300 Yards Senior.—1, Chan Tak-fai; 2, Tam Kan-woo; 3, Chan Cheung-chol.

300 Yards Junior.—1, Fong Kuk-wing; 2, Chan Yin-wan; 3, Cheung Chau-ming.

300 Yards (Small Boys).—1, Chan New-man; 2, Li Shui-pang; 3, Wong Kok-wai.

Sack Race.—Chan Cheung-ming; 2, Yeung Po-kui; 3, Ngai Chan-tin.

Half Mile.—1, Yeung Po-kui; 2, Kwok Chi-cheung; 3, Ko Shu-hong.

Consolation Race.—1, Chui Kwok-cheung; 2, Sung Wai-kuen; 3, Yan Ka-pok.

400 Yards (Past Pupils).—1, Leung Ju-wah; 2, Lam Ho-kwan; 3, Tse Chi-kau.

Class Team Race (Senior).—Class 4.

Class Team Race (Junior).—Class 7A.

Tug-of-War.—Class 4 and 7.

SERVICES BILLIARDS.

NG SZE-KWONG CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

The last match in the first round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups was played at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, when the South Wales Borderers met and defeated a team from H.M.S. Cornwall by five games to nil.

The play of the Borderers team was of a very high standard throughout, Jarman and Ellis delighting the spectators with some very neat and clever strokes. Leading Stoker Deal played a very fine game and made his opponent fight hard for the points, but the Sergeant Major was a little too good and after some well compiled breaks of 15, 19 and 21 forced himself ahead and won by 12.

The results of the games are as follows:
South Wales Borderers,
C. S. M. Lewis 150
L. Cpl. Ellis 150
C. Sgt. Jarman 150
Private Walters 150
C. S. M. Smith 150

H.M.S. Cornwall,
L/Stoker Deal 138
Cpl. Spencer 115
Stoker Smith 89
L/Stoker Hasley 71
Marine Gale 121

The first match in the second round will be played on Friday evening next, January 1, when the 31st Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, meet H.M.S. Bruce. Play will commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

NAVY IN BAD POSITION.

FACING INNINGS DEFEAT.

The Navy are in a precarious position as a result of the second day's play in the annual match against the Army which was commenced on the Hongkong C. C. ground yesterday and resumed this morning.

At the 11th adjournment the senior Service had been dismissed for 146 runs in their first innings and had lost six wickets for 37 runs in their second.

Mirchouse was mainly responsible for the debacle, taking seven of the wickets in the first innings and four of the six which have fallen in the second. During the earlier part of the second innings he took three wickets with successive balls, the last ball of one over and the first two of the next over dismissing batsmen. Scores:

Army.
Lt. Wolfe-Barry, b Wroughton, b 52
Capt. Wals, c Hazlefoot, b 9

Stileman, b Wroughton, b 9
Lt. Musson, b Wroughton, b 150

Capt. Moir, c Mundy, b Villiers, 114
Lt. Hamilton, b Mundy, b 47

Wroughton, st. Shaw, b 37
Cdr. Bryant, not out, 47

Sgt. Williams, st. Shaw, b Berryman, 46

man, 2
Capt. Gottwalt, st. Shaw, b 2

Wroughton, not out, 15
Lt. Anstruther, not out, 15

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 408

Capt. Mirchouse did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Wroughton 7 1 46

Wals 8 1 125

Stileman 8 1 47

Mundy 11 1 62

Villiers 8 1 62

Hazlefoot 1 1 10

Burnett 3 1 41

Webb 4 1 29

Berryman 3 1 28

Total 146

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Williams 12 1 35

Mirchouse 17 1 57

Hamilton 5 1 12

Musson 6 2 13

Bryant 2 1 13

Anstruther 2 1 6

Extras 7

Total (for 6 wks.) 37

In their match against the South Wales Borderers on the U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow, at 5 p.m., the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven will be represented by G. Duncan, W. Woodward, J. Rodger, W. A. Rood, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed, H. Owen, Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans and J. L. Tetley.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

A better tone prevailed at the opening session this morning and prices were marked up generally.

Sales.

Hotels (old), \$154.

Buyers.

Steamboats, \$24.

Wharves, \$153.

Hotels (old), \$154.

Hotels (new), \$144.

Realities, \$1150.

Excess, \$154.

Star Ferries, \$90.

Electric, \$78.

Comments (combined), \$10.00.

Comments (old), \$124.

Dairy Farms, \$29.10.

Powells, \$34.

Constructions (old), \$5.55.

Constructions (new), \$1.90.

Waterboats, \$24.

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Sellers.

Hotels (old), \$15.30.

Raubs, \$40.

1932 Settlement Days.

The Committee of the Hongkong Stock Exchange have fixed the following dates as the Settlement Days for the ensuing year:—January 26th; February 26th; March 22nd; April 26th; May 24th; June 28th; July 26th; August 30th; September 27th; October 26th; November 29th; December 29th.

A CIRCUS COMING.

HARMSTON'S TO VISIT THE COLONY.

Harmston's famous circus, concerning which glowing accounts have reached the Colony through the Press of both Java and the Philippines, is expected in Hongkong about the end of January next. Mr. Richard Bell, the Manager of the concern, is already here preparing the way for its coming.

The season in Java was an exceptionally successful one, while in Manila large crowds invaded the circus tent and the menagerie and were highly pleased in the entirely new show that is being offered.

The circus is a much bigger one than the Harmston's that visited the Colony two years ago, one of the many new additions being the midgel clown "Peter" who was formerly with Wirth's in Australia for five years. He is a very clever rider among other unusual accomplishments.

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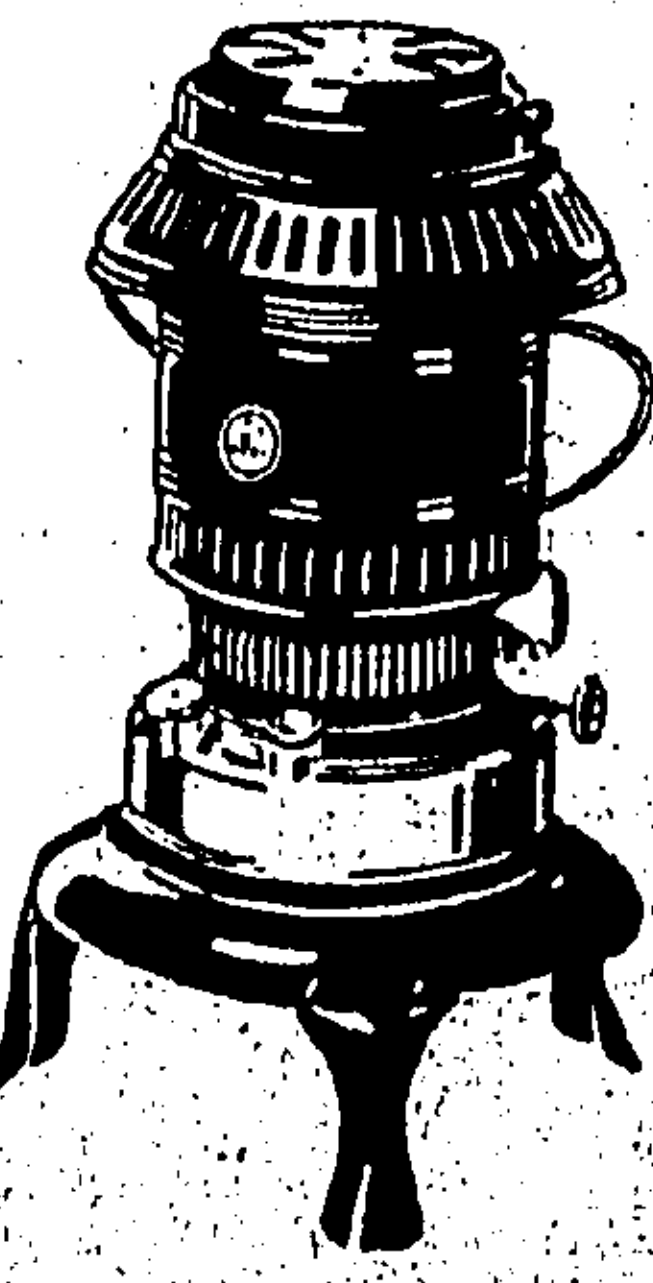
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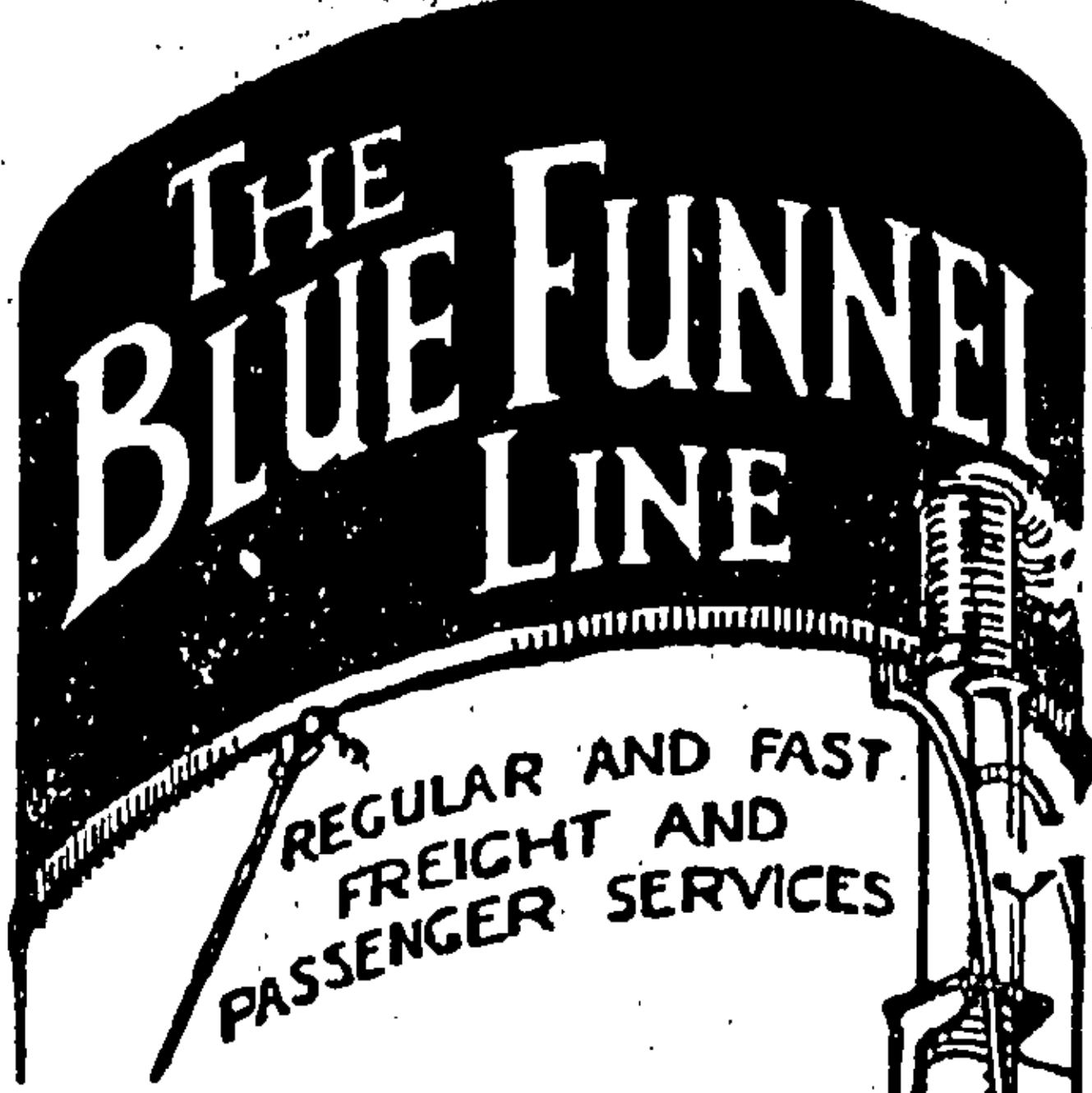


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therefore, I trust, justified its existence.

Tribute to Executive.

Sir Shouson Chow has made reference to my chairmanship of the Executive Committee. I feel that I do not deserve his kind remarks. If the Society has been able to show some tangible results of its labour, it is because the members of the Executive Committee, especially the two Honorary Secretaries, have worked hard, and have shown enthusiasm for their self-imposed task. It has really been a pleasure to preside over such a keen band of workers who, in spite of the many other calls on their time, have been very regular in attending the monthly meetings, the average attendance being over twenty. This constitutes a record that is difficult to match, considering that most of our deliberations lasted about two hours.

"Zeal of A Crusader."

It is my firm belief that the Society could not have accomplished half of what it has, had it not had the benefit of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg's services as one of its Joint Honorary Secretaries. Mr. Hazlerigg has brought to his duties the ripe experience gained as an Honorary Secretary of a branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in England, and since he assumed office here has worked like a galley-slave with the zeal of a crusader. He spent a good deal of his time while on leave at home about a year ago, in studying child-welfare work, and the working of the Juvenile Courts in England and at certain Colonies through which he was passing on his way home. As a member of the Juvenile Court Committee appointed by His Excellency at the beginning of this year, he rendered most useful service by preparing the draft legislation which formed the basis of the report of that Committee.

More Members Required.

The work of the Society has considerably increased during the past twelve months, and is daily increasing. We need more helpers; first of all, we need more members. Our present membership is not as large as it should be, for we have only 350 members, when we should have four or five times that number. In fact, the membership should be even larger. If we are to discharge effectively the manifold duties which the Constitution of the Society has laid upon us, we have not only to protect the children, but also to advise parents in their duty towards their offspring, and to prevent cruelty. We want members in every township, every village, every street. To my mind, the best safeguard against cruelty is public opinion. Will those who have hitherto hung back in doubt—now that our aims and work have been clearly re-affirmed—join up and give us a helping hand? This call to them is a call of duty—it is a plaintive cry from the thousands of poor, helpless children in our midst, many of whom are suffering from disease, want or neglect, and all of whom need attention.

With these words I beg to second the motion.

Election of Officers.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton then proposed that the officers of the Society named in the report be re-elected and that the following additional officers be elected, namely Mr. P. E. Barker, Mr. F. H.

Loseby, and Mr. Thomas Tam, to be Honorary District Secretaries for Western Hongkong, Kowloon and Eastern Hongkong respectively. Mrs. H. T. Greeny seconded, and the motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau then proposed, and Miss Shin Tak-hing seconded, that the members of the General and Executive Committees named in the report, with the exception of Messrs. E. Cook, R.A.D., Forrest and H. Mori, who did not seek re-election, be re-elected, and this was carried.

A vote of thanks to the honorary auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, was proposed by Mr. Li Hoi-tong seconded by Hon. Dr. S. W. Tiao and carried, while a vote of thanks to the honorary officials of the Society was proposed by Mr. M. K. Lo and seconded by Miss Raines.

H.E.'s Congratulations.

A motion of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Peel for attending was proposed by Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, and in reply, His Excellency said:

Sir Shouson Chow, ladies and gentlemen—On behalf of my wife and myself, I thank you very sincerely for the kind expression of appreciation which you have shown of the very little we have done. It is a great pleasure to me to preside today at this Annual Meeting, and I am sorry that I was unable to do so at the meeting last year. I heard of this Society before coming out here from the Colonial Office, who were most interested in it, and I had an interview with the Director of the main Society in London on the subject.

I congratulate the President and Committee on the excellent work that they have done since the inception of the Society. There can be no more noble work than the protection of children, and no more despicable crime than cruelty in this Colony, and I am not sure that, generally speaking, there is not less of it in the East than in the West. It is obvious that the greatest difficulty here is poverty. The difficulties of coping with it in a Colony like this, which lies on the fringe of a great country which contains hundreds of thousands of poor people, must be obvious to all, but such a Society as this can do a great deal for those living in the Colony if only they have sufficient funds, and I therefore strongly appeal for more money.

Government to Help.

Reference has been made to hospitals, and there is no doubt that the existence accommodation for children is inadequate. The Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospital have carried out certain additions in the generous manner in which they

are famous. When the new hospital wing of the Kowloon Government Hospital is completed shortly, Government proposes in the first instance to divert its use for women and children. As most of you know, Government proposes to establish an infant welfare centre on the island next year, and hopes to establish on Kowloon in the following year. We are greatly indebted to the St. John Ambulance Association, and to the New Territories Medical Benevolent Association, for the work they are doing, more especially on behalf of children, in the New Territories.

The Mul-Tal System.

This Society has also been useful in the matter of mul-tal and its work shows that there is much less hardship among this class than has been alleged. There is no doubt that the system has its defects, but there is also no doubt that it has saved the lives of many children who would otherwise have been unable to get enough to live on.

As Dr. Kotewall has pointed out, the Society has very varied activities. If I may strike a light note of warning, I should like to say that it must be careful not to overlap the activities of other institutions, but rather to co-ordinate in their work.

I should especially like to express my appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. Hazlerigg, who has been the heart and soul of this Society, and to whom its success is in a large measure due. I also wish to thank both him and those members of the Executive Committee who assisted the Government with their advice in the matter of juvenile courts. As you all know, a bill to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee which I appointed, has been published and is now ready for introduction into Council. It should do a great deal to rectifying much that is at present unsatisfactory.

Thanks to Helpers.

I wish also to express appreciation of the fine work done by the St. Louis Industrial School, which has helped enormously with the poorer children of the Colony, and assisted them in qualifying for earning their livelihood. I would also thank Miss Raines and the Salvation Army for all they have done.

I also thank the many donors for the monetary assistance which they have given, and appeal very earnestly for more financial assistance. At the present moment the balance sheet looks good, but it is clear that a good more money will be spent next year, and more funds therefore are required.

I am very much obliged to you all for coming here today, and supporting myself and the officials at this annual meeting.

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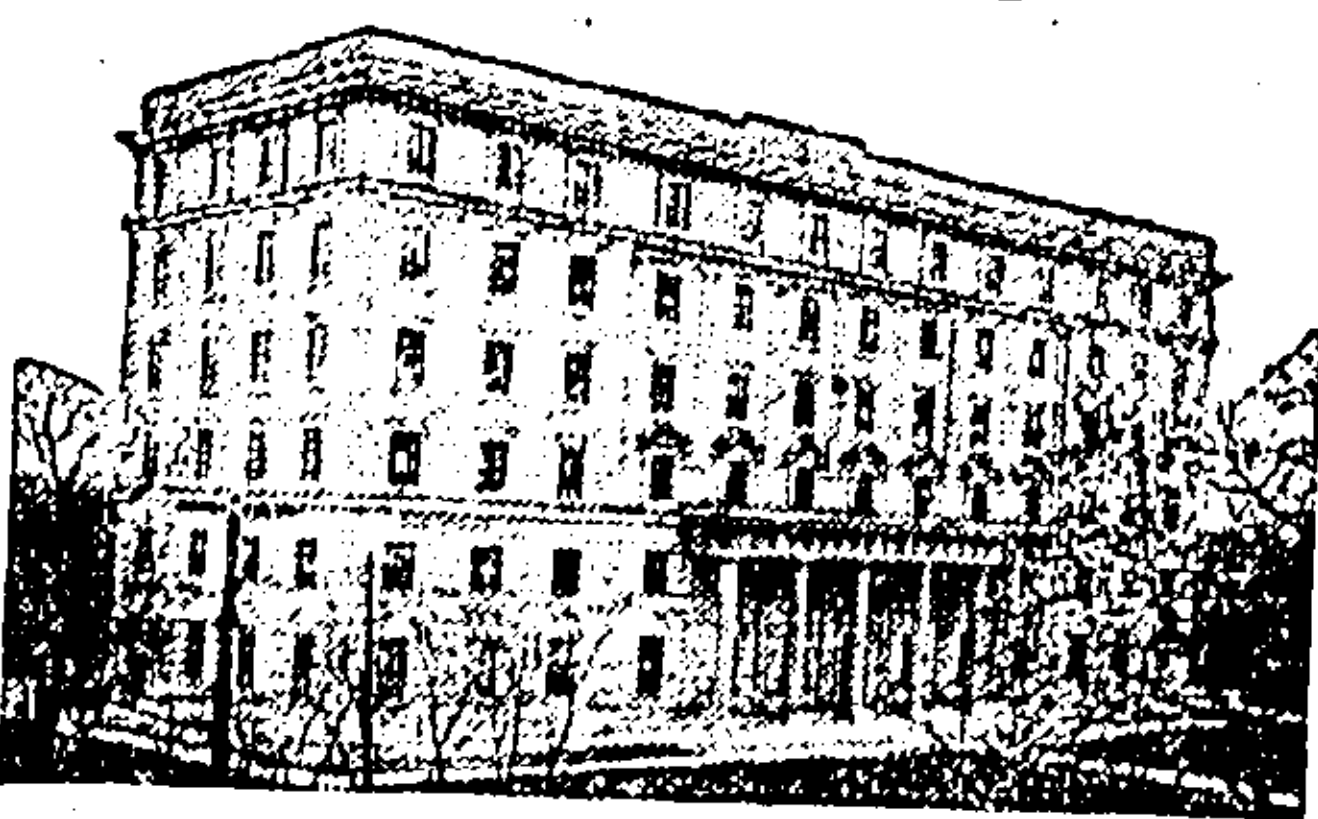
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INDIAN UNREST CONTINUES.

POLICE FORCED TO FIRE ON "RED SHIRTS."

Peshawar, Dec. 28.

News from the country's nerve centre continues to be disturbing. Eleven were killed and 60 injured here when the military were forced to fire on crowds of unruly "Red Shirts."

Two hundred Red Shirts who gathered at the Kohat cantonment near Peshawar were detained and another crowd of 600 then gathered, cursing and uttering savage threats.

A lathi charge failing to disperse them, the military fired. Later the military were compelled to fire into a third crowd which showered stones on the Superintendent of Police, who was injured.

Pamphlets circulated by terrorists in Bannu City and elsewhere indicate that the authorities are faced by an organised conspiracy eager for action.

Five Hindus were injured and had to be sent to hospital as the result of communal rioting in Lahore. - *Reuter's Special Service.*

Gandhi's Return.

Bombay, Dec. 28.

Mr. Gandhi's arrival this morning was the signal for an attempt by a thousand "Untouchable" volunteers, armed with lathis and carrying black flags, to stage an anti-Gandhi demonstration on the pier. Twelve persons were injured in a clash with Congress volunteers before the police disarmed them. - *Reuter.*

Pugnacious Declaration.

"If a fight becomes inevitable, I invite you to be ready for it," is the sensational statement made by Gandhi in a public speech here this evening. He added:

"I won't give up my attempts to save the nation a fiery ordeal, but if there is no single ray of hope, I won't flinch from inviting you to undergo any amount of suffering." - *Reuter.*

GEMS OF PERIL.

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she waited until this afternoon -

"Oh?" The old man came out of the brown study that enveloped him. "Oh, I'm going down with Miller to look over 'The Gypsy'."

Jordan thinks sea air may take a cruise if I can get the right crew."

He was as cranky about the caliber of the men he allowed to set foot on his beloved yacht as about those who drove his automobiles.

Mary drew a deep breath of relief.

"Want to go along?"

"Oh, no, thanks. I've something to do. A little shopping." She blushed a tell-tale red.

The telephone that lurked behind the gayly painted wooden parrot in a corner of the breakfast room trilled suddenly. It was Dirk.

"I just called up to tell you, Mrs. Ruyther, that you have a banking account, you know. Why don't you run up a few bills, and see what kind of a husband I'm going to make?"

"Oh, Dirk, you mustn't - not yet. That's one of the rules. Don't you know your Emily Post?"

"Go ahead, woman. Do you know how I treat my wives when

they don't obey me?" There was more of the conversation, but it seemed to make very little sense.

Smiling knowingly, the old man heaved himself out of his chair and tipped out of the room with clumsy, schoolboy gallantry.

Almost instantly, it seemed, a starchy and statuesque maid appeared with an envelope which she handed to Mary on a tray.

(Bessie had been released to pursue the sort of histrionic career for which she seemed to think herself fitted.)

Mary fumbled it open with one hand while holding fast to the receiver with the other. When she finally held up the crisp bit of paper it contained and saw the figure - \$1,000 - and the signature, J. J. Jupiter, still wet in the corner her joyful exclamation rang clearly the young man murmuring fatuous nothings into the telephone many miles away.

"A little wedding present" was written on the business card that fell out with the cheque.

"Never mind supporting me yet - I'm rich!" she caroled gleefully, and told Dirk of the cheque.

"Well, that's fine!" he replied with perfunctory heartiness. Such munificence rather dashed his own pleasure in turning over his worldly goods to his bride-to-be.

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Bank it."

"You will not!"

"Buy clothes," she amended happily. "And then buy some clothes. And then buy a few more clothes."

"That's better. Lunch with me?"

"Oh, I won't have time. We'd dawdle and I've so much to get."

"Better come. I'll be working late at the office, putting things in shape so I can leave. I may not get out until quite late."

"But you'll come?"

"I'll come! Wait up for me?"

"You know I will."

She was to regret that decision about lunch, as she sat sipping a lukewarm, too-sweet drink at a crowded fountain after a hectic morning's shopping. It would have been delightful to be lunching on a cool roof somewhere with Dirk opposite. Shopping, even with a \$1,000 cheque in your purse, was terrible. Her feet hurt, her

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head ached, and she felt as if her eyes would never quite focus again. And there was more to come.

At five she hailed the first taxi she saw, piled it full of bundles and climbed in gratefully.

"Long Island," she told the driver and sank back against the hard leather seat. She closed her eyes as the cab wormed its way crosstown toward Queensboro bridge. That state of complete relaxation spared her the brunt of what followed.

All she remembered afterward was hearing a yell and a curse, and feeling herself jerked violently forward as the taxi swerved and careened wildly to the sidewalk, striking a flight of stone steps. Then she must have fainted, for she knew no more.

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1931. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's surveyors.

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For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1931.

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ASTON VILLA TOO GOOD FOR NEWCASTLE.

WOLVES WIN TO LEAD SECOND DIV.

FULHAM SET-BACK.

London, Dec. 28. One of the most interesting of the holiday matches in the First Division of the League was reserved for to-day when Newcastle United, strongly challenging for the championship, were visitors to Villa Park. Aston Villa played brilliant football and won by three clear goals. The table is affected as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A. Pts.
Everton	22	15	1	6	38 31
West Brom.	22	11	5	7	25 27
Aston Villa	21	11	4	6	26 26
Arsenal	22	10	0	6	30 26
Sheff. Un.	22	12	2	8	33 26
Newcastle	21	12	2	7	35 26

In the Second Division, Wolverhampton Wanderers defeated Charlton by three goals to one and assume the leadership, the leading positions being:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A. Pts.
Wolves	22	14	4	4	28 32
Leeds	22	14	4	4	24 32
Plymouth	21	11	6	4	28 28

In the Third Division (South), Queen's Park Rangers created one of the biggest surprises of the holiday matches by visiting Fulham and winning by three goals to one.

Northampton showed vastly improved form, and trounced Bristol Rovers, their visitors, by six clear goals. *Reuter.*

NOTED ACTRESS WEDS AUTHOR.

MISS JOAN BENNETT MARRIES GENE MARKEY.

New York, Dec. 28. Miss Joan Bennett, the popular motion picture actress, and Mr. Gene Markey were married here to-day. The bride, a daughter of Mr. Richard Bennett, the noted actor of the legitimate stage and the motion pictures, is one of three sisters, who have achieved fame as actresses.

Mr. Markey once conducted the column, "Books and Bookmen," for the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Herald-Examiner. He is the author of "If I May Say So." Mr. Markey also wrote "Right You Are," "Men About Town," "The Eskimo," "Literary Lights," and "The Dark Island." He has written ten numerous short stories.

WRONG NAME IN SUMMONS.

PORTUGUESE DESCRIBED AS "SUN FAT".

DOGOWNERS FINED.

How a constable's mistake led to Mr. R. M. G. da Silva being called "Sun Fat" was revealed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Mr. Silva appeared before Mr. Fraser in answer to a summons served at his residence, No. 9, Liberty Avenue, but addressed to a person named "Sun Fat."

Mr. Silva:—I am the principal tenant of No. 9, Liberty Avenue.



Mr. Lin Sen, acting President of the National Government, who was confirmed in that position yesterday. (Photo: Yim Fong).

your Worship. I don't know anybody by the name of Sun Fat.

The summons was in respect of allowing a brown dog to wander about without a muzzle.

It was revealed that the Chinese constable who took out the summons knocked at the door of No. 9, Liberty Avenue and was given a name which sounded very much like "Sun Fat."

His Worship:—Do you plead guilty, Mr. Silva?

Mr. Silva:—The summons is bad, your Worship.

Why?—It has been taken out in a wrong name.

That is only a technical error. It is obviously meant for you.

Mr. Silva agreed, and pleaded guilty. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

When the name of Mrs. Kim, of Almal Villas, was called in respect of two summons for allowing her dogs to wander about without muzzles, his Worship said a fine of \$5 each had been paid into Court.

Representing Mr. L. F. Griffiths, of No. 260, Prince Edward Road,

HOLIDAY GOLF RESULTS.

CHRISTMAS MEETING CONTESTS.

MANY ENTRANTS.

The results of the Christmas Meeting in connexion with the Royal Hongkong Golf Club were as follows:

Old Course Bogey.

D. S. Robb (10), three up, won; with Col. R. B. Skinner (9), two up, second.

Other scores were Paymr.—Lieut. W. R. Vallance (10), Lieut. Comdr. W. E. Higham (14), and A. E. Lissaman (6), all one down. There were 83 entries.

Old Course Medal.

Paymr.—Lieut. W. R. Vallance won with a score of 74 (84-10). Other scores were A. C. I. Bowker 85-8=77, and T. Low 93-14=79. There were 16 entries.

New Course Bogey.

This was also for first part of the A. B. Stewart Cup. T. Megarry (18), one up, won; other scores being Comdr. O. E. Priestley (11) and Comdr. R. H. McBean (8), both two down. There were 16 entries.

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

DATE AND VENUE NOT YET FIXED.

London, Dec. 28. The date and venue of the international conference of the governments concerned in the reparations problem, upon which the special advisory committee under the Young Plan has reported, have still to be fixed.

Meanwhile discussions on the technical issues that arise are proceeding between French and English experts.

The report has gained currency in Paris that an early meeting between the heads of the British and French Governments is in prospect, but the French Prime Minister to-day denied that he had been invited to confer with Mr. MacDonald in London. He said it was not at present contemplated to hold any such meeting, which would only be opportune after the experts had completed the task on which they are now engaged.—British Wire-Press.

who was summoned for a like offence, a servant stated that he had been instructed to plead guilty. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

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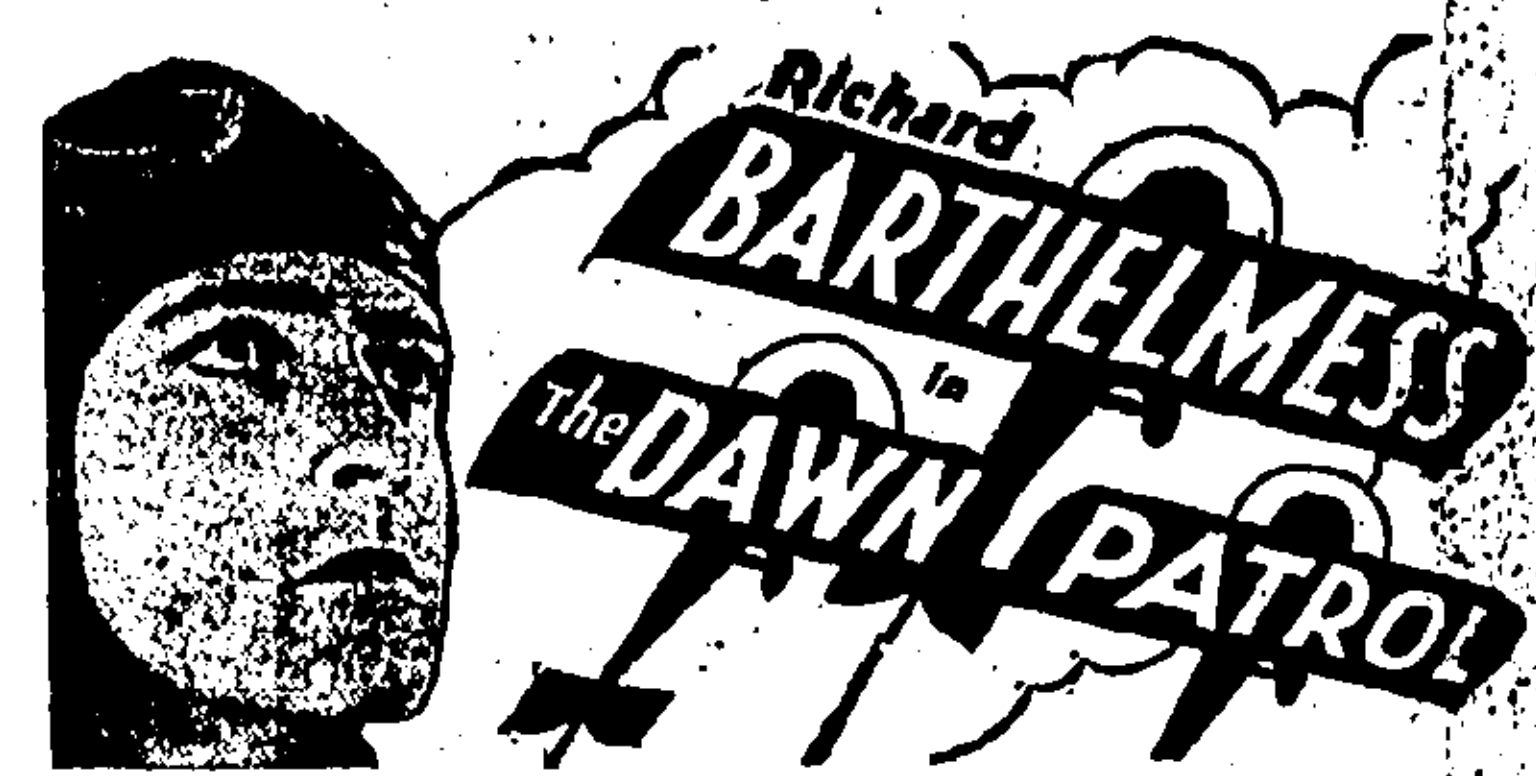
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